

An Act to prevent any future Loan of the Bills of Credit now in the Paper Currency Office, and to ease the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of certain Taxes.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS any further Loan of any Paper Money belonging to the Province, in the Office for Emitting the Bills of Credit, may greatly tend to lessen the Value of the said Fund:

Commissioners not to let out any Bills of Credit on Loan.

II. *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same,* That it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting the Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, at any Time after the End of this present Session of Assembly, to lend out to any Person or Persons, on any Pretence or Security whatever, any of the said Bills of Credit now in their Office, properly belonging to the Country, or any Bills of Credit that shall or may hereafter be paid into the said Office, on any Debt or Debts now due on Loan; any Thing in the Act for emitting and making Current *Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit,* to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Duties, &c. to be paid either in Current Money, Gold or Silver.

III. *AND* for the more easy Payment of the Duties, Taxes, Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, imposed by the Act for granting a Supply of *Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same;* *Be it further Enacted,* That all Duties, Taxes, Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties whatsoever, now due and payable from the People of this Province, or that hereafter shall become due and payable, under the said last recited Act, shall and may be paid either in Current Gold or Silver of *America,* or in Bills of Credit made Current by either of the above recited Acts; and that all and every Collector and other Officer, when he accounts for, and pays into the Office aforesaid, the Money by him received in Virtue of the above recited Acts, shall, at the Foot, or on the Back of his Account, produce over and above the usual Probate, a Probate under the Hand of some Provincial or County Justice to this Effect, *viz.* That the Paper Money for which he has debited himself in his said Account, is the Amount of all the Paper Money which he received from the People by Virtue of the said Acts, during the Time for which he accounts. And the Commissioners or Trustees shall receive the Money on the said Accounts agreeable to the Species therein distinguished, and not otherwise; and shall keep separate and distinct Accounts thereof: And for so much Gold or Silver as shall be paid into the said Office, by the Means aforesaid, there shall be burnt and destroyed the like Sum of the Bills of Credit belonging to the Province in the said Office. And the said Gold and Silver so paid in, shall be a Treasure to the Country, subject to Loan by the Commissioners or Trustees, in the same Manner as other Gold and Silver paid in for Debts due on Loan to the said Office; any Thing in the said recited Acts, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in Baltimore County.

Allowance for Squirrels Scalps, &c.

I. **B**E it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of *Baltimore County Court* shall, at the laying of their County Levy Yearly, allow unto the several Inhabitants of the said County, for the Scalp of every Squirrel, and the Head of every Crow, the Sum of Two Pounds of Tobacco, that shall be produced over and above the three Squirrel Scalps, or Crow Heads, which they are obliged to produce by any former Law of this Province.

Oath or Affirmation to be made of their being killed in the County, after the 11th of June.

II. *AND* be it likewise Enacted, That from and after the Eleventh Day of *June, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-two,* every Person or Persons who shall bring to any Justice of the Peace, within the said County of *Baltimore,* any Squirrel's Scalp, or Crow's Head, and shall and will make Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God (or Affirmation if a Quaker) that the Squirrels or Crows, of which he, she or they, then and there actually produced the Heads or Scalps of, were really and *bona fide* killed within said County, after the said Eleventh Day of *June, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-two,* and upon such Oath taken, or Affirmation made, that the Justice of the Peace of the said County of *Baltimore,* before whom such Oath shall be taken, or Affirmation made, and such Scalps or Crows Heads produced, shall, and he or they are hereby directed to burn, or cause to be burnt, such Scalps or Heads in his Presence, to the entire destroying of them; and after such burning and destroying, such Justice of the Peace shall, and he is hereby directed to give to the Person or Persons bringing such Scalps or Heads, and making Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, a Certificate of his, her or their having produced the same, inserting therein the Number of each, and the County, wherein the Party bringing them, proved the killing such Squirrels or Crows in.

Certificate to be given.

Allowance for the same in the County Levy.

III. *AND* be it likewise Enacted, That such Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, and Certificate obtained, shall intitle the Person and Persons to the Quantity of Tobacco herein directed to be paid for such Squirrels and Crows so killed, in the then next County Levy of the said County of *Baltimore.*

IV. *AND*