

C H A P. III.

An ACT for giving a Bounty for taking *Indian* Prisoners, and other Purposes therein mentioned. Passed 21st of November.

WHEREAS the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, have still remaining in their Hands, the Sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, of the several Sums of Money appropriated to the Payment for *Indian* Prisoners, or Scalps, by virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and further Security and Defence of this Province.* And whereas *Daniel Cresap, Michael Cresap, John Walker, Nathan Friggs, William Young, Abraham Richardson, and Ezekiel Johnson,* by their humble Petition, have represented to this General Assembly, that some Time in the Month of *July* last, a Party of *Indians* came to *Col. Thomas Cresap's,* of *Frederick County,* in a Warlike Manner, to attack the said House and Family where the Petitioners then were; and that upon their being discovered, the Petitioners met them in the Field about an Hundred Yards from the House, on which an Engagement begun, and the Petitioners were so fortunatē as to Rout the *Indians,* Kill one on the Spot (whose Scalp they presented with the said Petition) Wound several others, and Take some of their Arms; and prayed a Reward for the same Scalp. And whereas also, *James Davis* of the Colony of *Virginia,* by his humble Petition, hath represented to this General Assembly, that in the Month of *August* last, the Petitioner and Twenty-eight others who lived on *Patowmack,* being informed that a Party of *Indians* had made an Incurſion, and carried away a certain *James Ciniſton,* and his Wife, who lived at *Cape Capon,* on the South ſide of *Patowmack,* Armed themselves, and went in pursuit of the said *Indians,* who were Ten in Number; that on the Eleventh Day of the ſame Month they came up with them, at a Place called *George's Creek* within this Province, and Released the ſaid Prisoners; and in an Engagement which ensued, the Petitioner Shot one of the *Indians* through the Body, and afterwards took off the ſaid *Indian's* Scalp; and prayed a Reward for the ſame: All which Facts contained in the ſaid Petitions, do appear to this General Assembly, by proper legal Affidavits to be True:

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 the ſaid Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, ſhall and may, and are hereby ordered and directed to, Pay unto the ſaid *Daniel Cresap, Michael Cresap, John Walker, Nathan Friggs, William Young, Abraham Richardson, and Ezekiel Johnson,* the Sum of Fifty Pounds, out of the ſaid Sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, as aforeſaid remaining in their Hands; and to the ſaid *James Davis,* the Sum of Fifty Pounds, out of the ſame Sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, as Rewards for the ſaid Scalps, ſo by them reſpectively taken. 100 £. to be paid for two Scalps.

III. And whereas it will greatly tend to the Security of the Frontier Inhabitants, amidſt the preſent *Indian* Diſturbances and Incurſions, to appropriate the reſidue of the ſaid Sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, to the taking of *Indian* Prisoners and Scalps: Be it further Enacted, That the reſidue of the ſaid Sum of Money in the Hands of the ſaid Commissioners or Trustees, after the Payment of the ſaid Rewards hereby given, for the Scalps aforeſaid, ſhall be applied to the Payment for *Indian* Prisoners, or Scalps, in Manner herein after mentioned; That is to ſay, for every Scalp of an *Indian* Enemy (being the Skin of the Crown of the Head), and for every Live *Indian* Enemy, which any Inhabitant of this Province, not being in the Pay of this Province as a Soldier, or *Indian* in Friendship and Alliance with his Majesty's Subjects, ſhall produce to any Magiſtrate of this Province, and for every ſuch Scalp taken from any *Indian* Enemy killed within this Province, 50 £. to be paid for each Enemy Indian's Scalp, Or Indian Prisoner.