

An ACT to enable the Undertaker for building the Stadt-House to cover the same with Copper.

WHEREAS, by the Act, entitled, *An Act for emitting Bills of Credit, and other Purposes therein mentioned*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Seventeenth Day of November, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-nine, the Stadt-House now building in the City of Annapolis is directed to be well and securely covered with good Slate, Tile, or Lead, and the major Part of the Superintendants appointed by that Act have, by virtue thereof, contracted and agreed with *Charles Wallace*, the Undertaker for the said Building, to cover the same with Slate; but for as much as it is represented to this General Assembly, that a Slate covering will very frequently require Repairs and be subject to other Inconveniences,

II. Be it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said Stadt-House shall be covered with Copper, of the Thickness of Eighteen Ounces Four Penny Weights at the least, to every Foot Square of the same Covering, instead of Slate, Tile, or Lead, any Thing in the said Act or Contract notwithstanding.

III. And, To guard the said Stadt-House as far as may be against any Accident from Lightning, Be it further enacted, That the said Undertaker shall fix, place, and secure, in the best Manner, an Iron Rod, pointed with Silver or Gold, of Six Feet at least above the Height of the Cupola of the said Building, and conducted at least Six Feet in the Ground.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit shall pay to the said *Charles Wallace*, or his Order, out of the Bills of Credit to be emitted in virtue of the Act, entitled, *An Act for emitting Bills of Credit, and applying Part thereof*, passed this present Session, and by the same Act directed to be applied as the General Assembly should appoint, so many of the said Bills of Credit as shall amount to One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Two Shillings and Eight-pence Sterling, at the Rate of Four Shillings and Six-pence Sterling per Dollar, in full for the Difference of the Expence between a Copper and Slate Covering, and for the Expence of the said Iron Rod.

V. And be it enacted, That before the Commissioners of the Loan Office shall deliver out the aforesaid Sum of Fourteen Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Two Shillings and Eight-pence Sterling to the said *Charles Wallace*, they shall and are hereby required to take good Security, from said Undertaker, in double the Sum so delivered out, with Condition that the said Sum of Sterling Money shall be repaid into said Office, with Four per Cent. Interest for the same, for the Benefit of the Public, in Case a Coat of Copper be not put on said Stadt-House on or before the first Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-five, in a compleat and Workmanlike Manner, so as to answer the Purpose of a safe and secure Covering.