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An Act Concerning the setting up of a Mint
within the Province of Maryland.

For as much as money being the Rule and measure of
the value of Commodities doth trade or Commerce can be
well managed without it, And the want of it in this
Province is a mayne hindrance to the Advancement of
the Colony in Trade Manufactory Townes and all
other things which conduce to the flourishing and happy
Establishment thereof. And the Brethren of this Province assembled
in this present Generall Assembly doe humbly praye the Lord
Proprietary of this Province to take order for the setting up
of a Mint for the coining of money within this Province
and consent that it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by
the Lord Proprietary with the consent of the Upper and
lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that the
money soe coyned or whiche shall be coyned in the said
Mint shall be as good Silver as the Current Coyne of
English Sterling money, And that the said coyned silver
Shilling soe coyned as aforesaid shall weigh about nine
pounds in pure Silver as aforesaid And soe proportion-
ably for other pices of money coyned in the said
Mint.

And it is further Enacted that every offender of any
Countrey doinge Stealing or washing or any way diminish
any Coyne soe to be made within this Province, or of
wittingly transporting into this Province any Coyne
Countrey doinge any Sort of Coyne whiche shall be
made in the said Mint, or that shall be by the Lord
Proprietarys authority and the authority of this
present Assembly, made furant shall be deemed
and adjudged Felony, and every offender thereof for-
bit according to the Lawe of this Province shall suffer
payne of Death and forfeite his or his Landes Goods
and Chattels within this Province to the Lord Propriet-
ary and his honor's heires and Proprietarys of this
Province.

And it is further Enacted by the authority aforesaid