

such Officers or Others assisting to put this Act in Execution, it shall and may be lawful for such Officers and Others to plead thereto the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter therein in Evidence; any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And in Case any Action or Suit shall be commenced, and prosecuted against any Person or Persons importing any such Liquors as aforesaid, for any Fine or Forfeiture arising by this Act, the Court before whom such Suit shall be commenced and prosecuted, shall, at their Discretion, rule the said Defendant or Defendants, to give good and sufficient Bail to such Suit, and for want thereof, shall and may commit the said Defendant or Defendants to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County, there to remain until he or they shall comply therewith: And if Judgment on such Suit shall be given against the said Defendant or Defendants, the Court before whom the said Judgment shall be rendered, shall commit the said Defendant or Defendants until he or they shall pay unto the Naval Officer aforesaid the Moiety of the Forfeiture aforesaid, hereby directed to be applied to the Uses in this Act mentioned.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That all Masters of Ships and other Vessels, and Others importing Servants into this Province by Land or Water, to serve for the Term of seven Years or upwards, at the Time of their Entry, shall pay unto the Naval Officer, for the Time being, belonging to such Port or Place where they make their Entry, the Sum of Five Shillings, in Bills of Credit, over and above the Duties already imposed by other Laws on such Servants.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Naval Officers aforesaid, shall yearly transmit to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office an Account upon Oath of all the Monies by them respectively received, by Virtue of this Act, for the Duties, Impositions and Forfeitures, and yearly pay to the said Commissioners or Trustees the Monies aforesaid so by them received, retaining in his or their Hands respectively a Commission of Two and an Half *per Cent*; and that the Office-Bonds of the said Naval Officers, and their Sureties in such Bonds, shall be answerable for and subject to the Payment of all Monies so by the said respective Naval Officers received, and for any Breach of Duty by them committed against this Act.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Commissioners or Trustees of the said Loan-Office, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby obliged and required to keep a distinct and particular Account of all the Money paid to them, by Virtue of this Act, and upon every Payment made to them, to credit such Account, by the Person paying the same, distinguishing particularly in such Account for what the same was paid.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan-Office aforesaid, shall retain and keep all such Sums of Money as they shall receive by Virtue of this Act, till the next Session of Assembly after the Receipt thereof, and then shall burn and destroy the same before the Committee, which shall be appointed to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the said Office, and so from Session to Session until they have destroyed the full Sum of Two Thousand Pounds: And the Residue of the Money arising by Virtue of this Act, if any there be, they shall retain in their Hands, to be disposed of as the General Assembly of this Province shall direct.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Office-Bonds of the said Commissioners or Trustees of the said Loan-Office, for the Time being, and their Sureties in such Bonds, shall be answerable for all Sums of Money, which they shall receive by Virtue of this Act.

*AND* for the better Encouragement of any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, either in Pay by Virtue and Direction of this Act, or other the Inhabitants of this Province,

*It is hereby Enacted*, That any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, in Pay by Virtue and Direction of this Act, or other the Inhabitants of this Province, who shall, within six Months after the End of this Session of Assembly, unless the present Hostilities should cease before the Expiration of that Time, kill or destroy, or take Prisoner or Prisoners, any *Indian* Enemy, not in Alliance with his Majesty, shall, for every such *Indian* Enemy so killed or destroyed, or taken Prisoner, as aforesaid, be paid the Sum of Five Pounds by his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, out of the Money directed to be paid the Governor, by Virtue of this Act. And that the Scalp of such *Indian* Enemy produced to the Governor of this Province, for the Time being, by the Person or Persons killing such *Indian* or *Indians*, and his or their Oath or Oaths, shall be deemed good Evidence. *Provided*, that the said *Indian* Enemies, so to be taken Prisoners as aforesaid, be delivered to the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, at the Public Goal in *Annapolis*, and intitle such Person or Persons to the Reward aforesaid, before the Payment of the said Reward, which Sheriff is hereby obliged to receive and keep such *Indian* in safe Custody, until discharged by the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being.

*PROVIDED* always, That in case the whole Sum of Two Thousand Pounds aforesaid, granted by this Act, shall not be expended for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, then the Remainder thereof shall be applied