

Apparel, Sails, Boats, together with the full Value of such Loading, shall be, and is hereby declared to be forfeited, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, to the Uses herein after applied.

AND it is further Enacted, That one Moiety of the Forfeitures herein mentioned, shall be for the Use of the Informer, or him or them that shall or will sue for the same, and the other Half for his Majesty's Service, to be applied as herein after directed.

AND it is hereby Enacted, That where any Forfeiture shall happen, and the same shall be adjudged upon any Suit, or Information, by Virtue of this Act, that then the other Moiety of such Forfeiture, not herein given, to the Informer, or him or them that shall or will sue for the same, shall be disposed of by the Naval Officer of the District where the same shall happen, and such Part as is not payable in Money, shall be sold, by such Naval Officer, as aforesaid, in Ten Days after Judgment, for Current Money of Maryland; and all the Monies, by such Forfeiture and Sale as aforesaid arising, shall, by such Naval Officer, be paid to the Treasurer of the respective Shore, for his Majesty's Service, to be by such Treasurers, paid to the Order of the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of a Courier, or Couriers, to and from the City of Annapolis in Maryland, and Fort-Cumberland at Wills's-Creek, on Patowmack River, in the said Province, and back again to Annapolis.

AND it is hereby Enacted, That the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed to, return to the General Assembly of this Province, a distinct Account of all Money which shall arise by Virtue of this Act, from Time to Time; and that in Case any more Money shall remain in the Hands of the respective Treasurers, than may answer to defray the Expence of the said Couriers from and to Annapolis, and Wills's-Creek, and back to Annapolis, in the Space and Term of Four Months; that then, and in such Case, all such Surplus is hereby declared and enacted, shall be applied by the General Assembly to his Majesty's Service, to defray any necessary or contingent Expences in the present Expedition to the Westward of this Province, for the Protection of his Majesty's Subjects.

PROVIDED always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that Bread, Meat, Flour, or other Provisions, for the necessary Use or Support of the Officers and Men, on board any Ship or Vessel, for the Voyage for which such Ship or other Vessel Clears, or the necessary Stores, Ammunition, Cannon, and Small-Arms, suitable for the Defence of such Ship or other Vessel, shall not be deemed, or construed to be within the Restriction or Prohibition, intended or meant by this Act; any Thing therein contained to the contrary thereof; in any wise, notwithstanding.

THE INDORSEMENTS :

" By the Lower House of Assembly, July 8, 1755. Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass. Signed per Order, M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho."

" By the Upper House of Assembly, July 8, 1755. Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

" Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

" By the Upper House of Assembly, July 8, 1755. Read the second Time, by especial Order, and will pass, with the following Amendment: Leave out after the Word applied, in the 17th Line of the first Page, to the Word Provided, in the 13th Line of the second Page, and insert the following, that is to say, One Third Part to the Use of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, One Third Part to the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province for the Time being, and the Other Third Part to such Person or Persons as shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed. Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately, in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of the Lower House), went to the Upper House, and presented to his Excellency the Governor, the following ingrossed Bills, viz.

An ingrossed Bill entituled, An Act to impover Anne Chambers, Widow, to sell certain Lands which Samuel Chambers, late of Anne-Arundel County, died possessed of, in Fee-Simple, for Payment of his Debts.