

Notes and Proceedings, *March*, 1756.

*Public Committee appointed by the Honourable the House of Delegates to enquire into Ways and Means to raise Money for his Majesty's Service.*

YOUR Committee having duly considered the Matter referred to them, do humbly propose, That the Sum of 4015 *l.* 6 *s.* in signed Bills in the Office, and never yet emitted, be put into immediate Circulation: That a further Sum arising from Money received or to be received for Principal of and Interest on Bonds paid or to be paid into the said Office, be borrowed from thence, to the Amount of 5984 *l.* 14 *s.* And that the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, to compleat the Forty Thousand Pounds (voted for his Majesty's Service) be raised by a new Emission of Bills or Notes of Credit, to pass Current in all Payments, which Bills, so put into Circulation, Money borrowed, and Bills or Notes of Credit emitted, be replaced, repaid, and sunk, in Five Years, by the following Duties, Taxes, and Impositions, *to wit*,

An Excise of 4 <i>d.</i> per Gallon on all Rum and Spirits imported or brought into this Province, and on all Rum distilled in this Province; Ditto of 2 <i>d.</i> per Gallon on all retailed Spirits distilled in this Province from Peaches, Cyder, Rye, Wheat, Barley, or any Grain or Fruit of the Growth of this Province, — — — — —	}	5000 00 0
An Allowment of 3 <i>l.</i> per Annum on Billiard Tables, — — — — —		63 00 0
A Duty of 10 <i>s.</i> on each Horse, Mare, or Gelding, brought into and sold in this Province, — — — — —		40 00 0
An additional Duty of 20 <i>s.</i> on Negroes imported or brought into this Province, — — — — —		50 00 0
An Excise of 4 <i>d.</i> per Gallon on Madeira Wine imported or brought into this Province, — — — — —		50 00 0
An Excise of 6 <i>d.</i> per Gallon on all other Wines imported or brought into this Province, except from Great-Britain, — — — — —	}	100 00 0
Duty of 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per Barrel on all Pitch and Turpentine imported or brought into this Province; Duty of 1 <i>s.</i> per Barrel on all Tar imported or brought into this Province, — — — — —	}	10 00 0
A Tax of 12 <i>d.</i> per Hundred Acres on Lands, and so <i>pro Rato</i> , — — — — —		2000 00 0
Ditto of 12 <i>d.</i> per Hundred Acres, over and above the aforesaid 12 <i>d.</i> on all Lands held by Papists, and so <i>pro Rato</i> , — — — — —	}	200 00 0
Upon any Land Warrant put into the Hands of the Surveyor, and Survey made of vacant Lands for 100 Acres or less, 1 <i>s.</i> and for every 10 Acres, over and above 100 Acres, 1 <i>d.</i> — — — — —	}	20 00 0
Licences for Marriage, 5 <i>s.</i> each, — — — — —		100 00 0
Every Writ of Error, Appeal, Habeas Corpus, or Certiorari, 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> — — — — —		3 00 0
Every Writ of Entry <i>per dignitatem in le post</i> , 5 <i>s.</i> — — — — —		10 00 0
Every Indenture, Lease, or Deed-poll, recorded, 1 <i>s.</i> — — — — —		50 00 0
Every original Writ issued out of the Court of Chancery, except Writs of Entry, 1 <i>s.</i> — — — — —		1 00 0
Every <i>Subpoena</i> issuing out of the Court of Chancery, 1 <i>s.</i> — — — — —		1 00 0
Every <i>Capias ad respondendum</i> issuing out of the Provincial Court, 1 <i>s.</i> — — — — —		10 00 0
Every <i>Capias ad respondendum</i> issuing out of the County Courts, 6 <i>d.</i> — — — — —		140 00 0
Every Citation issuing out of the Prerogative Court, 1 <i>s.</i> — — — — —		5 00 0
Every Charter-party, Bond, Bill, or other obligatory Instrument, under the Seal of the Party, Protest, or other notorial Act, 6 <i>d.</i> and every Letter of Attorney, 6 <i>d.</i> — — — — —	}	100 00 0

£. 7953 00 0

Which several Duties, Impositions, and Taxes, amounting *per Annum* to the Sum of 7953 *l.* will, in Five Years, clear of Commission for Collection, nett 37,775 *l.* and as the several Duties, Impositions, and Licences, mentioned in an Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the 17th Day of July, 1754, will, we presume, be disengaged in about Three Years Time, 'tis proposed that the Duties, &c. in that Act be continued from and after the several Purposes of the said Act, and the Acts therein mentioned, be fully answered, compleated, and fulfilled, until the Forty Thousand Pounds, by the Ways and Means aforesaid, and by the Continuance of that Act, be repaid, replaced, and sunk, and until the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall thereafter happen.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, Thomas Johnson, junior, Clerk.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion. Ordered, That no Public Claims be received by the Committee of Accounts after next Tuesday being the 16th Instant.

Ordered,