

of the Funds, mentioned in the Bill to have answered, or almost answered, the Ends for which they were created: The annual Produce whereof in future may be nearly estimated on a Review of the annual Income they have hitherto produced; and as we are informed that the Deficiency, which by the Law as it now stands, is to be made good by a Land-Tax only, has been calculated at about 26,000 *l.* we conceive this Sum may be discharged by these Means in Two Years from this Time, without any considerable Inconvenience, or just Cause of Complaint. The Public Faith and Credit must be preserved at all Events, and should you therefore not be inclined to fall upon some Method, for the Ease of the Landed Interest, less exceptionable than that proposed by the Bill we have rejected, rather than expose these to any Hazard, we shall be obliged to suffer the unequal Burthen on Land, imposed by the original Bill, to take Place.

Signed *per Order*, J. ROSS, Cl. Up. Ho.

*An Act for granting a Supply of Sixty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and for defraying the Expences heretofore incurred for the Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

I. **W**E, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, taking into our serious Consideration the Expences necessary for his Majesty's Service, and which have been incurred for the Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, have, for those Ends and Purposes, and other good Ends and Purposes mentioned in this Act, cheerfully and unanimously Given and Granted, and by this Act do Give and Grant for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid, the several and respective Rates and Assessments hereafter mentioned: And do humbly Pray that it may be Enacted,

II. *AND be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners*