

Original Journal. issued and immediately Sent to the Several Countys that all persons may have timely notice thereof.

Ordered that the following Message be Sent to the house by Col Lloyd & Col. Ennalls.

By the Councill in Assembly Ap^l the 8th 1706

It is recomended to the Consideracon of the Gen^l Assembly whether the want of a small runing Cash be not a greate discouragem^t to poor indigent Labourers and Artificers such as Carpenters Coopers Smiths Brick-layers & Boatmen whose necessity calls for a present dayly Supply, When as in tob^o p. 20 they cannot receive their pay but at one certaine tyme in the year which is the greatest Reason such Tradesmen generally leave the Province & go to the Northward where they are not under that Difficulty. And therefore in Case your house thinke this is fitting to be remedied. Whether it may not be proper this Gen^l Assembly should address her Ma^{tye} to supplye the Province with some small Copper Coyne which might be current here according to the Scheme herewith Sent You.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Counl

Proposall for a running Cash.

That the Assembly address her Ma^{tye} that she will be most graciously pleased to grant them a particular Species of Coyne for this Province (to witt) Small Copper pence Sixpences & shillings with her Ma^{tye}s Royall Pourtraiture on the one side Maryland on the other, Which should be only current in this Province by her royall Proclamation or Act of Assembly.

That her Ma^{tye} be reimbursed by the Countrye the Value of the Copper & Charge of Coyning which may perhapps am^o to £700 Sterl. This money may be disposed of by the p. 21 Publick Treasurers for Bills of Exch^a to £4000 Value That this money go Current in paym^t of all sumes not exceeding five pounds. And that no person presume to export any of it under the Penalty of twenty pounds Sterl. for every twenty shillings and so pro rato thirty pounds for 30^{sh} & £40 for 40^s or a greater or lesser quantity by which means it will be kept in the Countrye.

To make this base Coyne of the intrinsick Value with what it is designed to pass at. Lett the Publick Faith be engaged and an Act of Assembly made or other proper Directions given the Publick Treasurers yearly to sett aside the Value of one thousand pounds Sterl untill it shall am^o to the whole Credit so that when any Artificer or Labourer brings him a Sume of Copper not less than five pounds, he may be able to give him Bills or other current Coyne for it.