

girt and hipt, to be covered with Pine or Cypress Planke and Shingled with Cypress Shingles with convenient appartments in the upper Story for one Office, and three small Roomes for Juryes, the Porch Chamber to be fitted for one other Office, at one End of the said house a Place of Judicature, in such forme as at the Stadt house now at St. Maryes is, at the other End a Chimney with a Fire place therein both belowe and above, and a Staire Case by the Syde of the said Chimney, the Staires, windowes & doors uniforme or as convenient as may be, the lower floor to be laid with brick, and the upper Floors with Plancke: And to the End there may be no lett or Impediment in the carrying on of soe necessary a Worke either for Want of Workemen Labourers Provisions or other necessaryes. Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid that Colonell Charles Hutchins Major Edward Dorsey and Major Henry Ridgely be and are hereby appointed Comiss^{rs} Trustees and Overseers to treat bargain and agree with workemen for the building thereof in such method and manner as they shall thinke most easy and advantageous to the Inhabitants of this Province in respect of the Publick Charge and the same worke to see carryed on and well performed, and for the carrying on whereof the said Commiss^{rs} shall have deposited into their hands by or before the first day of Aprill next by the Treasurers of this Province nominated and appointed for receiving the Impost of four pence p Gallon upon all Liquors imported the Sume of Fifty pounds sterling and Fifty pounds sterling more to be paid to the said Comiss^{rs} Trustees or Overseers on the first day of October which shall be in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Ninety and Five as also the Sume of Fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco to be levyed on the Publick in the yeare aforesaid by the Assembly (if any) or by the Govern^r and Councill or by such other persons as this present Generall Assembly shall thinke fitt to levy and assess the same. And if it shall happen that the said severall Sumes of money and Tobacoe shall not be sufficient to defray the Charge of the said Worke, the Remainder shall be paid at the finishing thereof, for which all persons Interested or concerned therein shall have the Publick faith.

An Act for speedy and Easy Justice for Small debts.

Forasmuch as this present Generall Assembly hath taken into their serious Consideracōn the great damage and Inconveniency accruing to the good People of this Province for the Recovery of small debts by a due Course of Law in the severall & respective County Courts thereof It often happening that such Creditors rather Choose to Loose their just Rights & Creditts then be putt to the Trouble to sue for the same, and for that it doth also appeare to be no less a grievance and burthen to the debtor of such Creditors (persons for the most part indigent and poore) who being sued frequently pay three tymes more Cost then the Originall debt doth amount unto.

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