

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for the relief of the poor within the county of Baltimore.

An alms-house is to be built in the said county, and the commissioners of the loan-office are directed to lend the trustees, appointed by this act, the sum of £. 4,000, out of that part of the bills to be emitted, which are appropriated for loan to the inhabitants of that county.

Every inhabitant of that part of the county, which, after the division, shall retain the name of Baltimore, shall, in the year 1774, and every year afterwards, pay the sheriff 12lb. of tobacco, or 1/6 in money. The sheriff is to collect the same, as he does the county levy; and, after deducting his commission, shall, by the 31st of August, pay to the commissioners the whole amount of the tax, in money, rating the same at 12/6 per hundred. And, in case of failure on his part, they are to proceed against him, and his securities, on his office bond, in the same manner as they are directed to do on bonds given for loans; and they shall recover likewise an interest of four *per cent.* When payments are made to them, they shall give the county credit; and, after they shall have received the whole principal and interest on the money by them advanced, they are to give notice to the sheriff, and the tax of 12 per poll is to cease.

If any part of this 12 per poll tax be paid in tobacco, the sheriff is directed to sell it in open court, on the second day of the August term following. In his account with the court, he shall be allowed annually for insolvents, as well as for those who pay in tobacco; and he shall be charged with the price for which the tobacco shall have been sold. At November term, after his last collection, he shall account for, and pay to the court, the surplus of the tax, remaining, after the payment of the said principal and interest to the loan-office.

The residue of this act is, as nearly as may be, a copy of the general law of 1768, ch. 29. So that the poor-house of Baltimore county is upon the same footing, as if Baltimore county had been comprehended within that law.

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT for the further continuance of an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs.

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT to enable the undertaker for building the stadthouse to cover the same with copper.

The stadthouse is directed to be covered with copper, of such thickness as that a foot square shall contain 18oz. 4dwts. at least, instead of the slate, lead, or tile, already contracted for. The undertaker is required to fix, in the best manner, an iron rod, pointed with gold or silver, to reach six feet above the cupola, and to run six feet below the surface of the ground. The commissioners of the loan-office are directed to pay him £. 1,455 2 8 sterling, as a full satisfaction for doing what is herein enjoined, upon his giving security in double the sum for refunding it, with interest of four *per cent.* in case the said cover be not put on, in a complete and workman-like manner, by the first day of June next.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT for payment of the public creditors.

The journal of accounts, passed this session, is to be discharged by the commissioners of the loan-office, with bills of credit, at the rates of 1 2/3 dollar for 100lb. of tobacco, and one dollar for 7/6 in money.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Wednesday the twenty-third day of March, in the 3d year of the dominion of the Right Honourable HENRY HARTFORD, Esq; absolute lord and proprietary of the province of Maryland, and ended the 19th day of April, *anno domini* 1774: The following laws were enacted.

ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the adjournment of the provincial court.

The provincial court for September last, which stands adjourned to the 28th instant, and the next April provincial court, are both adjourned to the first Tuesday in May.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to prevent infection from the ship Chance.