

Person or Persons who shall inform and sue for the same, and the remaining One Third to be paid to the Treasurer of the Province to be applied to and for the Uses of the Public Roads.

And be it also enacted, That when an Information shall be made against any Person or Persons offending against the aforesaid Act, and any Person or Persons shall be summoned to give Evidence relative thereto, and that such Person or Persons so summoned, shall neglect or refuse to give his or her Attendance at the Time and Place mentioned in the Summons, not having any just or reasonable Cause therefor, to be allowed of by the Justice before whom such Information shall be made, or willfully withdraw himself or herself before sworn, or shall wilfully refuse to be sworn, or shall refuse to give his or her Evidence; in every such Case the Party so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds*, to be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale, (from the said Justice) on the Offenders Goods and Chattels, and to be applied to the Use of the Poor of the Town where such Offence shall be committed, and to be paid by such Justice to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Town; and for Want of such Distress, such Person or Persons shall be committed to Goal, there to remain for the Space of *One Month*, or untill the said Sum of *Five Pounds* shall be paid.

Provided nevertheless, That no Person shall be obliged to give Evidence on any Information, before such Person be paid or secured their reasonable Charges for Attendance, to be allowed of and order'd by such Justice.

And be it enacted, That the aforesaid Act, with its Addition and Amendments shall continue and be in force for *One Year*, from and after the *Third Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two*, and until the End of the Session of the *General-Assembly* then next following.



An Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to borrow the Sum of *Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds* for paying off the Public Debts, and to postpone the Payment of Bounties and Premiums.

WHEREAS it appears upon the State of the public Accounts, that a large Debt is due by the Government to sundry Persons, to discharge
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the Bounties and Premiums for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One, and Preceding Years, and also to pay off the several Accounts of the Public Works carried on under the Direction of the Commissioners. And that the Impost and Excise Duties have been hitherto insufficient for the immediate Discharge of such Debts, and whereas it is necessary for the Support of the Public Credit, and for the Relief of the public Creditors, that a Sum of Money should be borrowed, and paid into the Treasury to answer these Purposes.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Province for the Time being, be and is hereby empowered to borrow on Loan a Sum of Money not exceeding Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds of the present Currency, on the Credit of the Province Funds; and that the said Sum shall be applied to the Payment, and Discharge of the Bounties and Premiums, which were due on or before the Twenty Fifth Day of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, and also the Demands of the Persons employed in the public Works under the Direction of the Commissioners aforesaid.

And be it enacted, That any Sum so borrowed for the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding the said Sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, shall be paid back by the Treasurer or Keeper of the Province Funds for the Time being, to the Lender or Lenders thereof, at the Expiration of one Year compleat from the Date of such Loan with lawful Interest to the said Time of Payment (or thereafter till paid) and that out of such Monies as shall arise from the Duties on Wines, Beer, Rum, or other distilled Spirituous Liquors which are now due or shall hereafter become due by Law.

Provided, That if the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, should (by a Scarcity of Money) not be able to borrow the Sum intended by this Act, that then and in such Case, any Person or Persons, who shall present Bounty Bills, or Accounts of Money due from the Government properly authenticated, said Notes or Accounts may be received by the Treasurer of the Province, and a Warrant shall be issued for the like Sum bearing Interest as by this Act directed.

And to enable the Treasurer or Keeper of the Province Funds more effectually to pay off and discharge the said Debt contracted as aforesaid.

Be it further enacted, That for the future the Payment of all the Bounties and Premiums granted by the General-Assembly on Fish, Hay, Oats, Stone Walls, Hemp and Flax, be and are hereby suspended, postponed, and put off for One Year, next after the same shall become respectively due or payable by any former Law of this Province.

