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It is supposed that the annual Income of Estates in Maryland is Paper about six hundred Thousand Pounds Currency, A Tax of One Shilling in the Pound thereupon would be Thirty Thousand Pounds

The Taxable Inhabitants are about Fifty Thousand, a Tax of Twelve Shillings p Poll on whom, would amount to Thirty Thousand Pounds.

The Expence of Collecting this Sum at Six p Cent the usual Commission allowed the Sheriffs would be £1800. And the two Treasurers Commission for receiving the Remainder & paying it away again at Three p Cent would be £846: which two Sums being deducted out of the £30,000 there remains £27354 which according to the Regulations established in Maryland would Support & Cloath Seven Hundred Men for a Year.

In Case an Act of Parliament was to be made to oblige the Inhabitants of Maryland to raise the Sum of £30,000 Currency (£18750 Stg) annually for His Majesty's Service during the Continuance of the War it might be provided & directed that the said Sum should be assessed & apportioned in the usual manner on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Province every Year during the Continuance of the present War, & be collected by the several Sheriffs within the said Province as Publick Levies have been generally collected, the said Sheriffs to be thereout allowed the same Sallary or Commission that Sheriffs have been heretofore allowed for similar Services. the said Sheriffs should pay the Money which they might respectively collect by Virtue of the said Act to the Treasurers of the Province, who should afterwards pay the same (reserving to themselves thereout a Commission of Three p Cent) in such Sums, at such Times, for such Purposes, & to such Persons as the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province should by Warrant under his Hand direct. And the Governor Lieut Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province for the time being should be enjoined & required to take Care that both the Treasurers & Sheriffs that are or shall be appointed in the said Province give good & sufficient Security to account for & pay such Sums of Money as they may respectively receive by Virtue of such Act & likewise to lay their respective Accounts before the General Assembly of the said Province as often as they shall be thereunto required.

An Estimate of the Expence of Supporting Seven Hundred Men for a Year or 365 ays according to the Regulation established in Maryland

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