ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY PASSED IN APRIL AND MAY 1757

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at Baltimore Town in Liber H. S. Baltimore County on Friday the Eighth Day of April in the Sixth year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &ca Annoq Dom: 1757 and Ending Monday the Ninth Day of May 1757 following.

The following Laws were Enacted and assented to by his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor.

No. 1 An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province.

Whereas by Minutes taken at a Meeting of the Governors of [Preamble.] Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, with the Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North-America, lately held at Philadelphia, which his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; has been pleased to lay before this General Assembly, it appears, that a Plan has been formed for the better Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in North-America, and for Annoying his Majesty's Enemies in these Parts; by which it is proposed, that this Province should raise and support Five Hundred Men, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Forces, in the Defence and for the Security of this Province; and though we cannot look upon so great a Number necessary for our immediate Security, yet, being desirous to embrace this Opportunity, as well of promoting his Majesty's Service, and answering his General's Expectations, as of providing for our own immediate Protection, Do humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, [10,469]. 178. by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority Raising, &c. of the same, That the Sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred and 500 Men.] Sixty-nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence, Part of the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, granted by the Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same, to be applied towards carrying on an Expedition to the Westward, and the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, by the said Act granted to be applied towards engaging the Assistance, and cultivating the p. 306 Friendship of the Southern Tribes of Indians, or so much of the