

cost and charge of such oath and certificate shall be added to the sum in the execution required to be levied accordingly.

Limitation.

[SECT. 7.] This act to continue and be in force until the last day of March which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, and no longer. [*Passed December 27, 1753; published January 26, 1754.*]

## CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLY OF THE TREASURY WITH TEN THOUSAND POUNDS, AND APPLYING THE SAME FOR THE DISCHARGE OF THE PUBLICK DEBTS.

Preamble.

1753-54, chap. 10,  
§ 11.

WHEREAS, in and by an act made and passed by this court at their session in May last, entitled "An Act for the supply of the treasury, &c.," there was the sum of twelve thousand four hundred pounds ordered to be levied and assessed upon the towns and districts within this province, eight thousand one hundred and fifty pounds of which sum only has been appropriated for the payment of publick debts; so that, when the above-mentioned tax is received into the treasury, there will be a surplusage of four thousand two hundred and fifty pounds; and whereas the moneys already in the treasury, received for lands, and what is still due for lands and for the province galley, amount to the sum of three thousand two hundred and forty-one pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, which money is not appropriated for any use whatever, which, with the surplusage arising by the tax aforesaid, make seven thousand four hundred and ninety-one pounds twelve shillings and sixpence; and whereas, by the provision made by this court in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, by a tax of eighteen thousand six hundred pounds, and by the duties of impost and excise, which were mortgaged for two years for the redemption of the government securities redeemable the twentieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, there will be a considerable surplusage in the treasury after said notes are discharged; wherefore,—

1751-52, chap. 16.

*Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,*

£10,000 to be  
issued.

[SECT. 1.] That the said sum of seven thousand four hundred and ninety-one pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, when received into the treasury, as also the further sum of two thousand five hundred and eight pounds seven shillings and sixpence, part of the surplusage that will be in the treasury after the securities above mentioned are paid off, making in the whole the sum of ten thousand pounds, shall be issued in the manner and for the purposes following; that is to say, the sum of three thousand four hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of ten thousand pounds, shall be applied for the service of the several forts and garrisons within this province, pursuant to such orders and grants as are or shall be made by this court for those purposes; and the further sum of seven hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of ten thousand pounds, shall be applied for the purchasing of provisions, commissary's necessary disbursements for the service of the several forts and garrisons within this province, pursuant to such grants as are or shall be made by this court for that purpose; and the further sum of four thousand pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of ten thousand pounds, shall be applied for the payment of such premiums and grants that now are, or hereafter may be made by this court; and the further

£3,400 for forts  
and garrisons,  
&c.

£700 for pro-  
visions and  
other commis-  
sary stores.

£4,000 for  
grants, &c.

sum of three hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of ten thousand pounds, shall be applied for the discharge of other debts owing from this province to persons that have served or shall serve them, by order of this court, in such matters and things where there is no establishment nor any certain sum assigned them for that purpose, and for paper, writing and printing for this court; and the further sum of fifteen hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of ten thousand pounds, shall be applied for the payment of his majesty's council and house of representatives, serving in the general court during the several sessions for this present year.

£200 for debts where there is no establishment.

£1,500 for the pay of the members.

*And whereas* there are sometimes contingent and unforeseen charges that demand prompt pay,—

*Be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 2.] That the sum of one hundred pounds, the remaining part of the aforesaid sum of ten thousand pounds, be applied to pay such contingent charges, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 3.] That the treasurer is hereby directed and ordered to pay the sum of ten thousand pounds out of such appropriations as shall be directed to by warrant, and no other; and the secretary, to whom it belongs to keep the muster-rolls and accompts of charge, shall lay before the house of representatives, when they direct, such muster-rolls and accompts, after payment thereof. [*Passed December 18, 1753; published January 26, 1754.*]

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## CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING THE SUM OF FOURTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS, FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNOUR.

*Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,*

THAT the sum of fourteen hundred pounds be and hereby is granted unto his most excellent majesty, to be paid out of the publick treasury to his excellency William Shirley, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, captain-general and governour-in-chief in and over his majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay, for his past services, and further to enable him to go on in managing the publick affairs. [*Passed December 20, 1753; published January 26, 1754.*]

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## CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT FOR IMPOWERING THE PROVINCE TREASURER TO BORROW THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, AND FOR APPLYING THE SAME FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THIS PROVINCE THAT ARE STILL OUTSTANDING, AND FOR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE REPAYMENT OF THE SUM SO BORROWED.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the provision made by this court to draw in and sink the bills of credit of this government, there is still a considerable quantity outstanding, to the great prejudice of trade and commerce,—

Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,*

[SECT. 1.] That the treasurer of this province be and hereby is impowered to borrow from such person or persons as shall appear ready

Treasurer empowered to borrow £5,000.