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supply of carriages and teams, and will not admit the delay which may arise on an attempt to provide the same by hire or contract, as aforesaid, then the said justice shall issue his warrant or warrants to the constable or constables aforesaid, requiring him or them immediately to press the whole number of carriages and teams as shall be mentioned in the said warrant or warrants; and if any justice, after such application as aforesaid, shall wilfully refuse or neglect to grant such warrant as aforesaid, or if any constable shall wilfully refuse or neglect to execute such warrant, or if any person whose carriage, team or driver, has been hired as aforesaid, or whose carriage, team or driver, has been impressed as aforesaid, shall wilfully delay to furnish or forward such carriage, team or driver, to such place as he shall be directed by the said constable, such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding fifteen pounds, nor less than three pounds fifteen shillings current money, one moiety thereof to the use of the poor of the county where such offence shall be committed, and the other half to the informer, to be recovered before any justice of the county, and to be levied on the offender's person, goods or chattels.

Carriages carrying provisions, &amp;c. not to be prest.

III. And be it enacted, That no carriage, team, or driver of the same, carrying provisions or articles of commerce to the army, or any city or town, shall be liable or subject to be prest for the public service; nor shall any waggon, team or driver, returning from such army, city or town, to which they had carried such articles aforesaid, be liable or subject to be prest as aforesaid, in case waggons and teams sufficient for the purposes aforesaid can be otherwise procured.

Justice to issue his warrant so that the burthen shall not fall disproportionately.

IV. And be it enacted, That when a timely application for carriages and teams shall be made, and circumstances will admit, the justice to whom such application shall be made, shall issue his warrant or warrants aforesaid, to the constable or constables aforesaid, in such manner, and in such rotation, as that the burthen shall not fall on any one hundred in the county, or disproportionately or oppressively on any individual.

Officers not to require more carriages for a regiment than will carry ten tun, &amp;c.

V. And be it enacted, That no officer shall apply for or require, of any justice aforesaid, more carriages for the baggage of a complete regiment than what will be sufficient to carry ten tun, or more than the like proportion for the baggage of a greater or lesser number of forces; nor shall apply for or require more carriages for the removal of military stores and provisions, or sick or wounded soldiers, than what will be sufficient for the purpose.

Owners to be paid 30 s. a tun per day, &amp;c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the owner of any carriage, team and driver, which shall be capable of carrying one tun, and travelling twenty miles per day, and which shall be hired or prest as aforesaid, shall be paid at the rate of thirty shillings per day for every day such carriage, team and driver, shall be retained in the service; and the owner of any carriage, capable of a greater or less burthen, and travelling a greater or less distance, shall be paid in the like proportion till discharged; but if provision and forage be found by the public for the driver and teams of such carriages, the expence thereof shall be deducted out of the pay aforesaid; and the owner of every carriage and team, capable as aforesaid of carrying one tun, and travelling as aforesaid twenty miles per day, shall, after the discharge of the said carriage and team, be paid at the rate of one shilling per mile from the place of discharge to the place where such carriage and team was prest; and the owner of every carriage and team, capable of a greater or less burthen, and travelling a greater or less distance, shall be paid per mile in the like proportion.

Carriages not to travel more than 60 miles.

VII. And be it enacted, That no carriage which shall be prest by virtue of this act, shall be obliged to travel more than sixty miles beyond the place where the same was prest.

Any judge, &amp;c. may issue his warrant to constables to hire or prest boats, &amp;c.

VIII. And, to expedite the transportation of troops, with their military stores and baggage, up, down and across the bay, **Be it enacted,** That any judge, member of the council, or justice of the peace, within any county, from, near or to which, any battalion, detachment, troop or company, employed in the service of this