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especially appointed, to take and seize all and every able-bodied Freeman who live idle and do not follow or exercise some lawful Calling or Employment, or have not some other visible and lawful Support and Maintenance, and to make or cause to be made Search, within their several and respective Counties, for all and every such Person and Persons as they can find, who are or shall appear to them to be within the Description of this Act, and to bring before the said Justices, or any two or more of them, all such Persons. And in Case the said Justices, before whom such Person or Persons shall be brought, upon Examination had before them, shall judge them, or any of them, to be such as are herein before described to be retained in his Majesty's Service on the said Expedition, they shall immediately enlist him or them as Soldiers; and the same Justices are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause the Person or Persons so enlisted, to be delivered to such Officer or Officers, who are hereby required to give a Receipt for such Person or Persons so delivered to him or them, which Receipt shall be returned to the said Justices, and by them transmitted to the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being.

III. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the Pay of every Soldier enlisted by Virtue of this Act, shall commence from the Time of his being taken, and delivered to such Officer or Officers appointed and empowered to enlist Men, and such Soldier shall receive the same Pay as any other enlisted Soldier. And if any Person or Persons enlisted by Virtue of this Act, or otherwise, within this Province, shall be so maimed or wounded in his Majesty's Service, as to be rendered incapable of maintaining themselves, he or they shall, upon his or their Return, be supported at the Public Expence; provided such Persons, at the Time of their enlisting, were Residents within this Province.

IV. *PROVIDED always*, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, to the taking or levying any Person to serve as a Soldier, who hath any Vote in the Election of a Delegate, or Burgess, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, or who is under the Age of Twenty One Years, or above the Age of Fifty Years, or who shall at this Time be indebted to any One Person in the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money.

V. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That although any Person who shall be taken pursuant to this Act, shall refuse to take the Oaths to the Government, that such Person, not being a known or professed Papist, or Roman Catholic, shall, notwithstanding, be adjudged, deemed, taken, and retained, as a Soldier for the Service aforesaid.

VI. *AND be it further Enacted*, That this Act, or so much thereof as relates to the raising and levying Men, shall continue and be in Force, from and after the Passing thereof, for and during the Term of One Year, and no longer.