

tentymes very much abused and wronged Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That from and after the Publicacōn hereof every Constable within this Prouince shall between the twentieth day of June & the last day of Iuly repaire in person to every respective house or habitation within his hundred & there Enquire of the masters Dame or other Cheife person in the family what number of taxable persons they & every of them haue within their Respective familyes and after such Enquiry made, a true and fair list shall Returne of all & every taxable persons within his hundred as aforesaid under his hand unto the Sherriffe of the County & another faire list thereof under his hand such Constable shall present att the next County Court there to bee Sett upp And in case any Master Dame or other cheife person of a family shall refuse or deny to give an accompt of the taxable persons of their familyes or uppon their accompt shall Conceale any taxable person or persons in his or their familyes & not give a true accompt of them to the Constable when Required Shall for every such offence and for every person taxable soe by him Concealed forfeit & pay double the Leavy or Leavyes of such person or persons soe by him or them Concealed And every Constable Neglecting his office herein shall forfeitt & pay the Sumē of five hundred pounds of Tobacco for every offence such forfeitures and fines to be Leavyed by the Iustices of the Respective County Courts where such Constables and Inhabitants doe dwell and by them to be disposed of for the use of the Respective Countyes as the said Justices shall think fitt And to the end that noe person for the future may be ignorant what persons are Taxables & what not Bee itt Enacted by & with the aduice & Consent aforesaid & the Authority of the same That all male Children borne within this province & resident in itt shall be taken & accompted taxables att the age of Sixteene yeares & upwards And all male Servants imported into this Province att the age of Sixteene yeares and Upwards shall be accompted taxables and all Slaues whatsoever whether male or female imported or borne in this Prouince or aboue the age of Sixteene yeares shall be accompted taxables & Soe Rated And that all freemen in this Prouince (except Ministers and Preists & such poore & impotent persons that Receive Almes from the County shall be taxable above the age of sixteene Yeares This act to Continue for three yeares or to the End of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

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