

and discharged without which this Provinc Cannot be defended & Secured Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} by and with the aduice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same That from henceforth all such Necessary Charges of such warr and Soldiers Pay as aforesaid shall be paid discharged and defrayed by a Publick Leavy by an equall Assessment vpon the Taxables of this Province by the Consent of the freemen of this Province by their representatives & in a Generall Assembly and noe otherwayes whatsoever according to the Clause in An Act entituled An Act of gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq^r Captaine Generall of Maryland

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7^{thly} And to the end that the Inhabitants of this Province may not be abused by haveing their goods and Provisions prest from them by loose & idle fellows who many times abuse their Comissions and the people Be itt Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That from henceforth the Comissioners of each Respective County within this Province shall yearely and every Yeare Vidz^t between the Nyne & twentieth day of September and the five and twentieth day of December nominate and appoint two honest and Substantiall men of their Counties for every hundred to be pressemasters for the yeare ensueing and if any one dye or depart the Country or be lame or sick within that time That then the next Justice of peace to nominate and appoint another in his stead that if Occasion require they & none elce shall impresse Victualls or other things given them in Charge to be pressed by Warrant from the Lord Proprietary his heirs or successors or his or their Leivtenant Generall & Gouvernour for the time being And if any other but such pressemaster soe appointed shall presume vpon pretence of any power as a pressemaster to seize take presse or Carry away any goods or Comodities of any the Inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the person grieved treble the value of such goods or Comodities soe as aforesaid unjustly pressed Provided that noe pressemaster or any other person or persons whatsoever shall presume att any time to take seize presse or carry away from any Inhabitant resident within this Province any armes or Amunition of any kind whatsoever vpon any duty or service vpon any accompt whatsoever vnder the penalty aforesaid any law Statute or vsage to the Contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding

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8^{thly} And for the more and better encouragement of such Soldiers as shall in the time of warr venture in the service of the Country and defence thereof against any Indians Bee itt Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the free Booty Prize Pillage and Plunder or any Indian seized or taken Prisoner