

by the Authority aforesaid that from henceforth all such necessary charge of such war & Sold<sup>rs</sup> Pay as afores<sup>d</sup> shall be paid discharged & defray'd by a Publick Leavy, by an Equall Assessment upon the Taxables of this Province by the consent of the freemen of this Province by their Representatives in a Generall Assembly and no otherwise whatsoever, according to the Clause in an Act intituled an Act of gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain Gen<sup>l</sup> of Maryland.

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7<sup>thly</sup> And to the intent that the Inhabitants of this Province may not be abused by having their Goods and Provisions prest by loose and Idle fellows who many times abuse their Comissions and the People. Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from henceforth the Commissioners of each respective County shall yearly and every year Viz. between the twenty ninth day of September and twenty fifth day of December nominate and appoint honest and Substantiall men of their Counties for every hundred to be Press masters for the year ensuing, 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 and no other shall Impress Victualls or other things given them in charge to Press by Warrant from his Excellency the Govern<sup>r</sup> in Cheif for the time being, And if any other but such Press master so appointed shall presume upon p<sup>r</sup>tence of any Power as a Press master to seize take Press or Carry away any Goods or Commodities of any the Inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the person Grieved treble the Value of the Goods or Commoditys so as aforesaid unjustly Pressed. Provided that no Press master or any Person or Persons whatsoever shall presume at any time to seize Press or Carry away from any Inhabitant Resident in this Province, any Armes or Ammunition of any kind whatsoever upon any duty or Service, or upon any Account whatsoever under the penalty aforesaid any Law Statute or usage to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding. p. 241

8<sup>thly</sup> And be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Commissioners of any County Courts within this Province who shall not between the twenty seaventh day of September and the said twenty fifth day of December in each respective year by precept from the County Court signed by the Clerk of the Court nominate and appoint such and so many Press masters for every hundred within their County as aforesaid, shall each of them forfeit and pay unto their Majesties for support of Government the sum of five hundred pounds of Tobacco, And such Press Masters who shall be so nominated & app<sup>td</sup> as aforesaid by such precept as aforesaid to him or them directed and shall thereupon refuse or neglect

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