

And to the Intent that Whensoever it shall appear to the Chief Governor of this Province for the time being or his Council to be necessary to raise forces for the Suppressing of any forreigne Invasion or Domestick Insurrection or Rebellion or any Warr w<sup>th</sup> any Indians that the said Officers and Soldiers may be duly Paid According to the Proportions aforesaid and all other Charges and Expences for the Charge and Management of Such Warr may be duly paid and discharged without which this Province Cannot be deffended and Secured Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from henceforth all Such necessary Charges of Such Warr and Soldier-pay as aforesaid shall be paid Discharged and defrayed by a Publick Leavy by an Equall Assessment upon the Taxables of this Province by the Consent of the ffreemen of this Province by their Representatives in a Generall Assembly and not otherwise whatsoever And to the Intent that the Inhabitants of this Province may not be abused by haveing theire Goods and Provisions prest by loose and Idle fellows who many times abuse their Comissions and the People. Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That from henceforth the Comissioners of Each respective County shall Yearly and every Year Viz. between the Twenty-ninth day of September and the Twenty-fifth day of December nominate and appoint two honest and Substantiall men of their Countys to be press Masters for the Year Ensueing and if any one Dye or Depart the Country or be lame or sick within that time that then the next Justice of the peace to Nominate and Appointe another in his Stead that if Occasion require they and noe other shall Impress Victualls and other things given them in Charge to be pressed by Warrant from his Excellency the Governor in Chief for the time being and if any other but press masters so appointed shall presume upon pretence of any power as a Press master to Seize take press Carry Away any Goods or Comoditys of any the Inhabitants of this Province shall Pay to the Person grieved Treble the Value of the Goods or Comoditys so as aforesaid unjustly pressed Provided that no press Master or any other persons whatsoever Shall presume att any time to Seize press or Carry away from the Inhabitants Residents in this Province any Arms or Amunition of any kind whatsoever upon any Duty or Service or upon any Account w<sup>soever</sup> under the Penalty aforesaid any Law Statute or usage to the Contrary hereof in any wise Notwithstanding And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Comissioners of any County Court within this Province who shall not between the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September and the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of December in each respective Year by precept from the County Court Signed by the Clk of the Court Nomi-

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