

C. P. And to the Intent that whensoever itt shall Appeare to the Govern<sup>r</sup> or Commander in Chiefe of this Province for the time being and his Council to be Necessary to raise forces for the Suppressing of Any fforreigne Invasion or Domestick Insurrection or Rebellion or Any warr with Any Indians that the a<sup>d</sup> Officers and Souldiers may be duly paid According to the Proportions a<sup>d</sup> 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 Defended and secured.

Be itt Enacted by the Authority a<sup>d</sup> that from hence forth all such Necessary Charges of such warr and Souldiers pay as a<sup>d</sup> shall be paid Discharged and Defrayed by a Publick Levy by an Equall Assessment upon the Taxables of this province by the Consent of the ffreemen of this province by their representatives in a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly or Out of the publick Treasure of this province And no otherwise whatsoever.

And to the Intent that the Inhabitants of this province may not be Abused by having their Goods and provisions prest by Loose or Idle persons and many Times abuse their Commissioners and the people,

p. 116 Be itt further Enacted by the Authority a<sup>d</sup> that from henceforth the Commissioners of Each respective County shall yearly and Every year, Viz: Between the twenty ninth Day of September and the twenty fifth day of Dec<sup>r</sup> Nominate and Appoint two honest and Substantiall men of their County to be press Masters for the year Ensueing and if any one Dye or Depart the County 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 And other things given them in Charge to be prest by Warr<sup>r</sup> from his Excellency the Govern<sup>r</sup> or Comāder in Chiefe for the time being. And if Any others but press Masters soe Appointed shall presume upon p<sup>t</sup>ence 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 he or they shall pay to the party Grieved treble the Val of the goods or Commodities soe as a<sup>d</sup> Unjustly pressed.

Provided that no press master or any person or persons whatsoever shall presume att any time to Seize Press or Carry away from the Inhabitants residents in this province any Armes or Ammunition of any kind whatsoever upon any Duty or Service or upon Any Account whatsoever Unless by order of  
p. 117 the Govern<sup>r</sup> or Commander in Chiefe of this province for the time being under the penalty a<sup>d</sup> Any Law Statute or Usage to the Contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.