

at all times hereafter be and remain in Servitude and Bondage as they were before Baptism, any opinion, matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Office and Officers.

I. *An. 4. W. & M. 1692. p. 10.* Justices of the Peace in every County, at the first Court after *Michaelmas*, shall appoint some Inhabitant in every Hundred or Precinct, who shall in all things have the like Power as a Constable hath in a Hundred or Precinct in *England*, and shall take the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oath of a Constable. If the party appointed shall refuse to serve or be sworn, he shall forfeit 500 *l.* of Tobacco, one half to the King, the other to the Church-Wardens of his Parish, or suffer 2 months Imprisonment.

II. If any person appointed to be a Justice of Peace, Sheriff, or Coroner, within this Province, by the Governor, shall refuse to execute the Office, or to take the Oaths, he shall Forfeit to the King 1000 *l.* of Tobacco, or 4 months Imprisonment.

III. Whoever shall be summoned to serve as a Juror, and refuse to serve (not being by any other Office exempted) shall Forfeit to the King 500 *l.* of Tobacco, or 2 months Imprisonment.

IV. Whoever shall be summoned and required to serve as a Witness, and refuse to testify upon Oath, shall Forfeit to the King 500 *l.* of Tobacco, or suffer 2 months imprisonment. This Clause shall not extend to Quakers.

V. This Act shall not extend to the prejudice of any Lords of Mannors, as to their Priviledges of appointing Constables in their Mannors.

VI. Any Person dissenting from the Church of *England*, being chosen or appointed to bear the Office of High Constable, Church-Warden, or any other Parochial Office, may execute the same by his sufficient Deputy, that shall comply with the Laws on that behalf, &c.