

And to the Intent, that the Inhabitants of this Province may  
not be abused by having their goods & provisions Press from  
by loose & idle fellows who many times abuse their Commissions  
and the People See it Enacted by the authority aforesaid of  
from henceforth the Com<sup>rs</sup> of each respective County, shall yearly  
and every year (viz) betwixt the Nine & Twentieth Day of  
September, and the five and Twentieth Day of December  
Nominate and appointe Two honest & substantiall Men of  
these countys for every hundred to be Press Masters for the  
Year ensuing, and if any one die or departe the country or  
be lame or sick within that time, that then the Next Justice  
of the Peace to Nominate and appoint another in his stead  
that if occasion require, they and none else shall Impriss  
virtually or other things given them in charge to be pr<sup>ss</sup>ed by  
Warrant from the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> his heire or Successors or his or their  
Ch<sup>l</sup> and Govern<sup>r</sup> for the time being, and if any other but  
such Press Masters so appointed shall presume upon pretence  
of any Power as a Press Master to seize, take, priss or carry  
away any goods or Commodities of any of the Inhabitants of this  
Province shall pay to the person goods & to the value of such  
goods so as aforesaid unjustly prissed. Provided that No Person  
Nor any other person or persons whatsoever shall presume at  
any time to take seize priss or carry away from any Inhabitant  
Resident in this Province, any armes or ammunition of any  
kind whatsoever upon any Duty or Service upon any account  
whatsoever under the Penalty aforesaid, any Law, Statute, or  
to the contrary hereof in anywise Notwithstanding and See it  
Likewise further Enacted by the authority, advice and consent  
aforesaid that the Com<sup>rs</sup> of any respective County court  
within this Province who shall not betwixt the Nine and  
Twentieth Day of September and the said five and Twentieth  
Day of December in each respective Year by Precept from  
the County court signed by the Clerk of the court Nominate  
and appointe such and so many Press Masters for every hundred  
within those County as aforesaid shall each of them for his part  
into the R<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> the Summe of five hundred