

before mentioned be accounted computed and reckoned according to the Calendar  
otherwise.

6<sup>thly</sup>

And to the intent that whensoever it shall appear to the Lord Proprietary or his  
Lieutenant General or Chief Governour or his said Lieutenant General or Chief  
Governour & Councell to be necessary to raise forces for the suppressing of any  
Forraign invasion or Domestick insurrection or Rebellion or any war with  
any Indians That the said officers and Soldiers may be duly paid according to the  
proportions aforesaid & all other necessary Charges & Expenses for the Charge and  
Managing such War may be duly paid and discharged without which this Province  
cannot be defended & secured Be it enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary  
by and with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present  
General Assembly the Authority of the same That from henceforth all such  
necessary Charges of such War and Soldiers Pay as aforesaid shall be paid  
discharged and defrayed by a Publick Levy by an equall Assessment upon the  
Inhabitants of this Province by the consent of the freemen of this Province by their representa-  
tives in a General Assembly and not otherwise whatsoever according to the Clause in An Act  
entituled An Act of gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General of  
Maryland

7<sup>thly</sup>

And to the end that the Inhabitants of this Province may not be abused by having their  
goods and provisions prest from them by loose & idle followers 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 within this Province shall yearly and every  
yeare viz<sup>t</sup> between the Nyneth & twentieth day of September and the five and twentieth  
day of December nominate and appoint two honest and Substantiall men of their  
Counties for every hundred to be prestmasters for the yeare ensuing and if any one  
die 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  
nonetheless shall imprest victuall or other things given them in Charge to be prested by  
Warrant from the Lord Proprietary his heirs or Successors or his or their Lieutenant  
General & Governour for the time being And if any other but such prestmaster so  
appointed shall presume upon pretences of any power as a prestmaster to seize take  
prest or carry away any goods or Commodities of any the Inhabitants of this Province  
shall pay to the person grievously troubled the value of such goods or Commodities so as  
aforesaid unjustly prested Provided that no prestmaster or any other person or  
persons whatsoever shall presume at any time to take seize prest or carry away  
from any Inhabitant resident within this Province any arms or Ammunition of  
any kind whatsoever upon any duty or service upon any account whatsoever  
under the penalty aforesaid any Law Statute or Usage to the contrary hereof in  
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