

charges and expenses for the Charge management of such war may
 be duly paid and discharged without which this Province cannot be
 defended and secured. Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid 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 taxables of this Province by the consent
 of the freemen of this Province by their Representatives in a general
 Assembly and no other wise whatsoever according to the Clause in an Act
 intituled An Act of gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq. Cap.
 Generall of Maryland.

By And to the intent that the Inhabitants of this Province may not be abused
 by having their goods and provisions pressed by loof and sold fellows 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 shall yearly and every year (vizt.) between the
 twenty Nynth day of September and the twenty fifth day of Decemb:
 nominate and appoint honest and substantiall men of their County for
 every hundred to be press masters for the year ensuing and if any
 one dye or depart the County or be lame or sick within that tyme that
 then the next Justice of peace to nominate and appoint another in his stead
 that if occasion require they and no other shall improve the victuals or other
 things given them in charge to be pressed by warrant from his Excellency
 the Governour in cheife for the tyme being, and if any other but press-
 masters so appointed shall presume upon prisoners of any powder as a
 press master to seize take pressed or carry away any goods or Commodities
 of any the Inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the person grownd
 trouble the value of the goods or Commodities so as aforesaid unjustly
 pressed, Provided that no press master or any person or persons whatso-
 ever shall presume at any time to seize press or carry away from
 any Inhabitants Resident in this Province any arms or Ammunition of
 any kind whatsoever upon any duty or service or upon any account
 whatsoever under the penalty aforesaid any law statuted or usage to
 the contrary how of in any wise notwithstanding.