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for or other means, process and said severall and Respective Sheriffs shall
safely keep and Restrain the said prisoners by such means and in such
manner as prisoners in England by the Law of England are and may be restrain-
ed, And if any Sheriff shall voluntarily or negligently suffer any such
prisoner to escape such Sheriff shall pay the Debt or Damages to the person
who obtained Judgment and said Execution or other means and process against
the said prisoner, and if any person Imprisoned for felony or other crime do-
ing death shall attempt or endeavour to break prison shall Immediately
thereupon be secured by the Sheriff or Gaoler in Irons, and any person so
Imprisoned for felony or other crime doing death as aforesaid that
shall break prison shall be punished with death

An Act for the Constables taking a list of taxables

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Whereas through the Slovenly and carelessness of some Constables in this Province
many false lists of taxable persons in this Province are returned and
for that severall Constables in this Province do commonly proceed to take
the severall lists of taxables upon hearsay without going to the severall
and Respective houses in their hundred to require of the masters of the
Respective families the number of taxables in every family, By which
neglect the Inhabitants of this Province are oftentimes very much abused
and wronged, Be it therefore enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent
Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly
And by the Authority of the same that from and after the publication hereof
every Constable within this Province shall between the ~~fourth~~ ^{fourth} day of
June and the last day of July repair in person to every Respective house
or habitation within his hundred and there enquire of the Master M^r. Dame
or other chiefe person in the family what number of taxable persons they
have and every of them have within their Respective families, and after
enquiry made a true and faire list shall be returned of all and every tax-
able person within his hundred as aforesaid under his hand unto the Sheriff
of the County and another faire list thereof under his hand such Constable
shall present at the next County Court to be sett up and if in case any
Master M^r. Dame or other chiefe person of a family shall refuse or deny
to give an account of the taxable persons of their families or upon