

Province do commonly proceed to take the severall Lists of
Taxables upon hear-say without going to the severall and
respective houses in their hundred, to enquire of the Master
of the respective families the Number of Taxables in every
family, By which neglect the Inhabitants of this Pro-
vince are often times very much abused and wronged.
Be it therefore enacted by the King our Queens most Ex-
cellent 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
twentieth 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 Mistresse
Demmes or other chief person in the family, what number
of Taxable persons they and every of them have th in
their respective families, And after Enquiry made a true
and fair list shall return of all and every Taxable person
within his hundred as aforesaid under his hand unto the
Sheriff of the County, and another fair list thereof un-
der his hand, such Constable shall present at the next County Court
there to be set up, and if in case any Master Mistresse Dame
or other Chief person of a Family shall refuse or deny
to give an Account of the Taxable persons of their fa-
mily or upon their Account shall conceal any Tax-