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BE IT ENACTED by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty's by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Peace in every County at the first County Court, held after *Michaelmas* shall nominate and appoint some Inhabitant in every Hundred or Precinct, who shall execute all Precepts or Warrants to him directed, and shall in all things have the like power within the said Hundred or Precinct as any Constable hath or ought to have in a Hundred or Precinct in *England*, by the Law or Custom of *England*; and the said Constable shall take the Oath mentioned in an Act made in the first Year of their said Majesty's Reign intitul'd *an Act for abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance* in manner and form following. 'You shall Swear you will well and truly Serve our Sovereign Lord and Lady King *William* and Queen *Mary* in the Office of a Constable, you shall see and cause that their Majesty's Peace be well and duly kept according to your power, you shall arrest all such persons as in your presence shall commit any Riot, Fray, or other breach of their Majesty's Peace, you shall do your best endeavour upon complaint to you made to seize all Felons, Barretors, Rioters, or persons riotously assembled, and if any such Offender shall make any Resistance with Force, you shall Leavy Hue and Cry and pursue them until they be taken, you shall do your best endeavour that Hue and Cry be duly raised and pursued against murtherers, thieves, and other felons & fugitive servants, & the Laws & Orders 'gainst vagabonds & such other idle persons coming within your limits be duly put in execution, at your County Courts coming you shall present all Offences done against the several Acts made for the suppressing of Drunkenness, and also true presentment make of all Bloodsheds, Affrays, Outeries, Rescues and other Offences committed against their Majesty's Peace within your Limits, you shall well and truly execute all Precepts and Warrants to you directed from the Justice of Peace of this County or higher Officer, and you shall well and truly according to your knowledge power and ability execute all things belonging to the Office of a Constable so long as you shall continue in this Office, So help you God. And if the person so nominated & appointed shall refuse to serve in the said Office by himself or his Deputy, or take the Oaths when tendered to him by the Justices of Peace as aforesaid, shall forfeit the sum of five hundred pounds of Tobacco, one moiety thereof to their Majesty's their heirs and Successors, for and towards the Support of this Government, and the other moiety to the Church Wardens of the Parish in which he shall dwell or reside, to be recovered by Bill Plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed, or suffer two Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize.

Be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that all persons whatsoever that shall hereafter be nominated or appointed to be Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs or Coroners within this Province, by his Excellency the Captain General or Governour in Chief for the time being, that refuses to execute the Office of Justice of Peace Sherrif or Coroner within this Province, or to take the Oaths aforementioned in the Act of Parliament aforesaid made, and the Oaths of Justice of the Peace Sherrif or Coroner shall forfeit to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen their Heirs and Successors [illegible] Tobacco for the uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid or four Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize.

And Be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whosoever shall be Summoned by Writ out of any Court of Justice of this Province to serve as a Juror in any Tryal in any Court within this Province and refuse to serve in any Cause depending whether Criminal or Civil (not being by any other Office exempted) and thereunto Lawfully required, shall forfeit to their said Majesty's their Heirs and Successors the Sum of five hundred pounds of Tobacco for the uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid, or two Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize.

And Be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whosoever being by Writ Lawfully Summoned and thereby required to serve as a Witness in this Province, and shall refuse to testifie upon Oath in any case depending whether Criminal or Civil, shall forfeit to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and

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