

charging the taking, for taking of every such Recognizance or Recognizances of Bail or Bail Prizes, such Justices of the Provincial Court, or President of the County Court that shall take such Bail, shall receive only the sum of five shillings and no more.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Provincial Court shall make such rules and orders for the justifying of such Bails and making the same absolute as to them shall seem meet, so as the Cognizor or Cognizors of such Bail or Bails be not compelled to appear in person in the Provincial Court to justify him or themselves.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that such Justices of the Provincial Court before whom any Recognizance of Bail may happen to be taken, such Justice hath and power is hereby given him to examine the Suretys vpon Oath touching the value of their respective Estates if occasion shall require, any Law usage custom or practice notwithstanding.

Act for the Constables taking a List of Taxables.

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, that from and after the publication hereof every Constable within this Province shall at or before the 20th. day of June in every year respectively repair in person to every respective house or habitation within his hundred, and there require of the Master, Mistress, Dame or other chief person of the Family a true List from under their hands of all their taxable persons they and every of them have within their respective Familys, out of which List the said Constable shall make two fair fair Lists under his hand, and one he shall send to the Sherrif of the County, and the other he shall present to the next County Court to be set up, and if in case any Master, Mistress, Dame or other chief person of a Family shall refuse or deny to give such List, or in their absence leave at their dwelling houses or quarters such a List and Account of their taxable persons of their several Familys, or in the said account shall conceal any taxable person or persons in his or their Family, for every such offence not giving a true list and account of them to the Constables by the time required, and for every taxable person by them concealed shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of five hundred pounds of tobacco for every person so by him or them concealed, & every Constable neglecting his office herein, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds of tobacco for every such offence, one half thereof to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for the Support of Government, the other half to the informer or him or them that will sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoyn Protection or wager of Law to be allowed.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, &c. if any inhabitant within this Province, shall from the time herein appointed for taking the list of taxables, on the last day of July purchase any taxable person or persons, he or she shall with all convenient speed give notice of the said taxable or taxables to the Constable of the said hundred, who is hereby enjoyned to give account to the next County Court, and to the end that no person for the future may be ignorant what persons are taxables and what not.

Be it Enacted by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that all Male Children born within this Province and resident in it shall be taken and accounted taxables at the age of sixteen years and upwards, and all Male Children Servants imported into this Province at the age of sixteen years and upwards shall be accounted taxables, and all Slaves whatsoever either Male or Female imported into or born in this Province at or above the age of sixteen years shall be accounted taxables and forated, and that all Freemen within this Province (except Clergy Men and likewise such poor impotent persons that receive Alms from the county) shall be accounted taxables being above the age of sixteen years.