

of Assembly, that it shall and may be  
 the County Courts of this Province to hear & determine  
 matters and servants by way of petition to give judgment  
 upon the same, and that upon any Appeal or Writ of Error  
 from any County Court of this Province to the Provincial  
 Court to his Excellency the Governour and Council  
 shall be reversed for want of Judicial Process, or that the same was  
 try, or any matter of form either in the entry or giving of Judgment  
 appears by Record that the party Defendant was legally summoned and  
 denied unheard.

And Do it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Servants in-  
 into this Province, or any servant that binds himself for years within this  
 or any bound out by the County Courts of this Province, that if any matter of  
 pute arises either in relation to their indentures, contracts or wages, or any  
 matter of difference between the said Masters and Servants the same shall be  
 heard and determined by petition as aforesaid, any Law Statute or Usage to the  
 contrary notwithstanding.

*1699*

*An Act for imposing a Fine upon Edward Dorsey, convicting him of a debt  
 three hundred thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence to the  
 King, and imposing a Fine on the Sheriff of Cecil and Talbot Coun-  
 ties.*

*1699*

*An Act for the ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province  
 for the better defence and security thereof.*

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with  
 the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority  
 of the same, that from and after the end of this Sessions of Assembly the Militia of  
 this Province shall be mustered, trained and exercised according to these instruc-  
 tions and directions following.

1<sup>st</sup>. That every Colonel, Major or Captain of Foot already commissioned or  
 hereafter to be commissioned by his Excellency the Governour of this Province  
 for the time being, shall have power to enlist such and so many inhabiting within  
 this Province not hereafter excepted in their severall and respective divisions be-  
 tween 16 and 60 years of age as they shall think fit, by as equal proportions of  
 the said inhabitants as possibly they can to be of the Militia or trainbands of this  
 Province, which said persons so enlisted, they shall muster, exercise and train in &  
 at such places, and at such certain times as to them shall seem meet, or the Service  
 Safety or Defence of this Province shall require, or as his Excellency the Governour  
 of this Province for the time being shall see cause to order.

2<sup>dly</sup>. That every such Colonel, Major or Captain shall give notice or summons  
 upon every training or mustering to every person so enlisted as aforesaid within his  
 respective division or limit at the head of his company, or at the house of the par-  
 ty by an officer of his company or warrant under his hand to appear at such time  
 and place as he shall appoint for such training or mustering, and that if any Man  
 after such notice given & summons as aforesaid shall neglect to appear at the place  
 and time appointed as aforesaid, or that shall refuse when he hath so appeared to  
 be enlisted into the militia and trainbands aforesaid, or next that being so enlisted  
 shall not from time to time as he shall be summoned or warned as aforesaid to ap-  
 pear and bring with him one good serviceable Gunn fixed with six shotts of pow-  
 der, shall for every such offence if a Freeman forfeit & pay the sum of one hundred  
 pounds of tobacco, and if a Servant letted or hindered by his Master, Mistress or  
 Overseer, then such master, mistress or overseer to forfeit and pay the like sum  
 one hundred pounds of tobacco for every such servant so letted or hindered as a-  
 said, for the use of the Foot Company to purchase Drums and Colours and ne-  
 cessarys for the Company as the Commanders thereof shall direct. Pro-  
 that this clause be not to countenance any Officer to press Arms or Ammu-