

to be taken by all Officers by the Acts of Assembly of this Province and the Oath of a Constable in form following (that is to say)

*You A B shall well & truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of a Constable you shall see and cause that her Majestys peace be well & 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 her Majestys Peace, you shall do your best endeavour upon complaint to you made to seize all felons harretors rioters or persons riotously assembled & if any such offender shall make any resistance with force you shall levy Hue & Cry and pursue them until they be taken, you shall do your best endevour that Hue & Cry be duly raised & pursued against Murtherers Thieves and other Felons & fugttive Servants and the Laws & Orders against Vagabonds and 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 bloodheads affrays outcries rescues and other offences committed against her Majestys Peace within your limits, you shall well & truly execute all Precepts & Warrants to you directed from the Justices of Peace of this County or higher Officers, and you shall well & truly according to your power knowledge & ability do & 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 or persons so appointed shall before any Justice of the Peace refuse to take the severall Oaths aforesaid or shall refuse to provide a sufficient person to supply his place by serving in the said office and taking the Oaths aforesaid, that then such person so refusing shall be fined to her Majesty in the sum of five hundred pounds of tobacco towards the defraying the publick charge of that County and that such Justice of Peace before whom the refusal shall be made shall issue his Warrant to the Sherif to levy the said fine by distress and sale of the goods & chattels of such person so fined as aforesaid returning the overplus which said Sherif is hereby impower'd & requir'd to levy the same accordingly and render an account thereof to the Justices of Peace of that County at the time of laying the County Levy.

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid, that every Constable shall on or before the 20th day of June in every Year respectively repair in person to every house or habitation within his Hundred and there inquire of the Master Mistres 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 Constables shall make two fair Lists under his hand and one he shall send to the Sherif of the County and the other he shall present to the next County Court to be set up, and if in case any Master Mistres or Dame or other chief persons 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 & Account of their taxable persons of their severall Familys or in the said account shall conceal any taxable person or persons in his or their Family for every such offence or not giving a true list & account of them to the Constable by the time required and for every taxable person by them conceal'd shall forfeit & pay the sum of five hundred pounds of tobacco for every such offence one half thereof to her Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the support of Government the other half to the informer or him or them that will sue for the same to be recover'd in any Court of Record of this Province wherein no Esloyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd

*An Act requiring the Masters of Ships & Vessels to publish the rates of their Freight before they take any Tobacco on board.*

**R**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the authority of the same that every Master & Commander of a Ship or other Vessel that purposes to export tobacco on freight shall before he take any such tobacco on board his said Ship or Vessel publish in writing by a Note under his hand which he shall cause to be affix'd on the Court House Door of that County where his said Ship shall ride at Anchor at what rate he will receive tobacco upon freight per Ton on board his said Ship for that intended voyage which Note the Clerk of the County shall enter upon Record.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that whatsoever Merchant or other inhabitant of this Province shall put any tobacco on board any Ship Sloop or Boat belonging to a Ship on freight before such Master of such Ship hath set up such Note as aforesaid he shall forfeit & lose all such tobacco so shipp'd on board such Ship Sloop or Boat or the full value thereof in money whereof one half to her Majesty for the support of the government of this Province the other half to him or them that will sue for the same to be recover'd in any Court of Record in this Province by action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information wherein no Esloyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

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