

Horse to be allowed 1000 pounds of tobacco per month, to a Cornet 900 pounds of tobacco per month, to a Quarter-master 700 pounds of tobacco per month, to a Corporal 700 pds of tobacco per mo; to a Trumpeter 700 pds of tobacco per mo; to every private Trooper 600 pds of tobacco per mo; & that all these rates & allowances for such Officers & Soldiers aforesaid shall be allowed & paid & no more and the months before mention'd be accounted computed & reckon'd according to Calendar & no otherwise.

And to the intent that whensoever it shall appear to the Chief Governour of this Province for the time being or his Council to be necessary to raise Forces for the suppressing of any foreign invasion or domestick insurrection or rebellion or any war with any Indians that the said Officers & Soldiers may be duly paid according to the proportions aforesaid and all other charges & expences for the charge & management of such Warr may be duly paid & discharged without which this Province cannot be defended and secured.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from henceforth all such necessary charges of such Warr and Soldiers pay as aforesaid shall be paid discharged & defray'd by a publick Levy by an equal assessment upon the Taxables of this Province by the consent of the Freemen of this Province by their Representatives in a General Assembly or out of the publick Treasure of this Province and no otherwise whatsoever.

And to the intent that the inhabitants of this Province may not be abused by having their goods & provisions prest by loose and idle persons who many times abuse their Commissions and the people,

Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that from henceforth the Commissioners of each respective County shall yearly & every year viz. between the 29th day of September and the 25th day of December nominate & appoint two honest & substantial Men of their Countys to be Press-masters for the year ensuing, and if any one die or depart the County or be lame or sick within that time that then the next Justice of the Peace to nominate and appoint another in his stead that if occasion require they & no other shall impress victuals and other things given them in charge to be prest by Warrant from his Excellency the Governour in Chief for the time being, and if other but Press-masters so appointed shall presume upon pretence of any power as a Press-master to seize take prests or carry away any goods or commoditys of any the inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the person grieved treble the value of the goods or commoditys so as aforesaid unjustly prest. Provided that no Press-master or any person or persons whatsoever shall presume at any time to seize prests or carry away from the inhabitants residents in this Province any Arms or Ammunition of any kind whatsoever upon any duty or service or upon any account whatsoever under the penalty aforesaid, any Law Statute or Usage to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it likewise Enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Commissioners of any County Court within this Province who shall not between the 27th day of September & the 25th day of December in each respective year by Precept from the County Court signed by the Clerk of the Court nominate and appoint such and so many Press-masters for every County as aforesaid shall each of them forfeit & pay unto her Majesty for the support of Government the sum of five hundred pounds of tobacc, and such Press-masters who shall be so nominated & appointed as aforesaid by such Precept as aforesaid to him or them directed and shall thereupon refuse or neglect to serve & truly perform & execute the said place & office of Press-master shall forfeit & pay unto her Majesty for support of Government for every time he or they so nominated & appointed shall refuse to serve as aforesaid the sum of five hundred pounds of tobacco.

And for the more and better encouragement of such Soldiers as shall in the time of Warr adventure in the service of the Country and defence thereof against Indians and others, Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that the booty-prize pillage or plunder or any Indian or other seized or taken prisoner shall by the Commander be equally distributed & divided among the Soldiers by division or distribution to be made by the pole.

And for the encouragement of such Soldiers as shall adventure their lives in the service & defence of this Province and for the provision of some reasonable provision to be for the future settled on such Soldiers as shall happen to be maimed or rendered incapable to get a livelyhood for themselves or Family,

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that every person that shall adventure as a Soldier in any Warr or defence of this Province and shall therein happen to be maim'd or receive hurt so as to be rendered incapable of getting a livelyhood as aforesaid shall according to his disability receive a yearly pension to be raised out of the publick Levy of this Province for the time being of such his disability and every person slain in the service