

of their several and respective Counties; and the said Constables so appointed shall before they enter into that Office take the several Oaths appointed 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)

The form of his  
Oath of Office

**Y**OU A. B. shall well and truly Serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Office of a Constable. You shall see and Cause that his 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 his Majesty's Peace. You shall do your best Endeavour, upon Complaint to you made, to seize all Felons, Barretors, Riotors or Persons Riotously Assembled, and if any such Offender shall make any Resistance with Force, You shall Levy Hue-and-Cry, and cause them to be pursued, so as they may be taken. You shall do your best Endeavour that Hue-and-Cry be duly raised and pursued against Murtherers, Theives and other Felons and Fugitives, Servants, and the Laws and Orders against Vagabonds and such other Idle Persons coming within your Limits, be duly put in Execution at your County-Courts coming. You shall, so far as in you lies, put in Execution the Act of Assembly against Prophane Cursing, Swearing and Drunkenness, and also true Presentment make of all Blood-sheds, Affrays, Out-Crys, Rescues and other Offences committed against his Majesty's Peace within your Limits. You shall well and truly execute all Precepts and Warrants to you directed from the Justices of the Peace of this County, or higher Officers. And you shall well and truly, according to your Power, Knowledge and Ability, do and 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 several 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 his Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, 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 such Refusal shall be made, shall Issue his Warrant to the Sheriff to levy the said Fine by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of such Person so fined, as aforesaid, returning to him the Over-plus; which said Sheriff is hereby Empowered and Required to levy the same accordingly, and render an Account thereof to the Justices of Peace of that County, at the time of the laying the County-Levy,

Penalty of refusing.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every Constable, shall, on or before the Twentieth Day of June in every Year, respectively, repair in Person to every 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, distinctly to be named, they and every of them have within their respective Families, out of which List the said Constable shall make two fair Lists, under his Hand, and one he shall send to the Sheriff of the County, and the other he shall present to the next County-Court to be set up.

The manner of taking Taxables