

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, and every Year, viz. between the Twenty ninth Day of *September*, and the Twenty fifth Day of *December*, nominate and appoint Two honest and substantial Men of their County, to be Prefs-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 Peace to nominate and appoint another in his stead; that, if Occasion require, they, and no other, shall impress Victuals, and other Things given them in Charge, to be prest by Warrant from his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being; and if any others but Prefs-Masters so appointed, shall presume, upon Pretence of any Power, as a Prefs-Master, to seize, take, prest, or carry away any Goods or Commodities of any the Inhabitants of this Province, he or they shall pay, to the Person grieved, Treble the Value of the Goods or Commodities so, as aforesaid, unjustly prest: Provided, That no Prefs-Master, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall presume at any time to seize, prest, 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, unless by Order of his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the time being, 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 Twenty seventh Day of *September*, and the Twenty fifth 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 Prefs-Masters for every County, as aforesaid, shall each of them forfeit and pay unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco; and such Prefs-Masters, who shall be so nominated and appointed, as aforesaid, by such Precept, as aforesaid, to him or them directed, and shall thereupon refuse or neglect to serve, and truly perform and execute the said Place and Office of Prefs-Master, shall forfeit and pay to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, for every time he or they, so nominated and appointed, shall refuse to serve, as aforesaid, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco.

AND for the better Encouragement of such Soldiers, as shall, in the Time of War, adventure in the Service of the Country, and in Defence thereof, against *Indians*, or 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 be, by the Commmander in Chief, bestowed on such Officer, Soldier or Soldiers, taking and seizing the same.

AND for the Encouragement of such Soldiers, as shall adventure their Lives in the Service and Defence of this Province, and for Provision of some reasonable Pension to be for the future settled on such Soldiers, as shall happen to be maimed, or rendred incapable to get a Livelihood for themselves or Families; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person, that shall adventure as a Soldier in any War or Defence of this Province, and shall therein happen to be maimed or receive Hurt, so as to be rendred incapable of getting a Livelihood, as aforesaid, shall, according to his Disability, receive a yearly Pension, to be raised out of the Publick Levy of this Province, during the Time of such his Disability; and every Person slain in the Service of this Province, leaving behind him a Wife and Children, there shall also be allowed a competent Pension to the Wife, during her Widowhood, and the Children, till they be of Years able to get their Living, or be put out Apprentices; and that this Pension be yearly paid and allowed out of the Fifty thousand Pounds of Tobacco