

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; also true Judgment make of all Blood-sheds, Affrays, Out-Cries, 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 G O D.

Penalty of refusing.

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 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 Persons 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 the Peace of that County, at the Time of the laying the County-Levy.

The manner of taking Taxables.

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 Houle or Habitation within his Hundred, and there require of the Master, Mistres, 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.

Penalty of concealing them.

And in case any Master, Mistres, Dame or other chief Person of a Family, shall refuse, deny or delay to give such List, or in their Absence leave at their Dwelling-Houses or Quarters such a List and Account of their Taxable Persons of their severall Families, 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 or Account of them as aforesaid to the Constable by the Time required, and for every Taxable Person by them concealed, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence, one Half thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same; to be recovered in any County court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information; wherein no Esloyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

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