

the said Free-Men are required to appear, or the major Part of such of them as shall then appear, shall and may, and are hereby authorized and required to elect and choose Four several and sufficient Free-Men of your County, each of them having a Freehold of Fifty Acres of Land, or who shall be a Resident, and have a visible Estate of Forty Pounds Sterling at the least, within your County, whether the Parties so elected be present or absent, the said Election to be made in such Manner and Form as the Laws of England and this Province do direct and provide. And you are to insert the Names of the said Persons elected, in certain Indentures to be then made between you the said Sheriff and the Electors, (That is to say) Two Indentures for each Delegate, each Indenture having thereto your Hand and Seal, and the Hands and Seals of the several Electors by them subscribed, that the said Deputies and Delegates for themselves and the County aforesaid, may have severally full and sufficient Power to do and consent to those Things which then and there, by the Favour of G O D, shall happen to be ordained, by the Advice and Consent of the Great Council of this Province, concerning such Occasions and Affairs as shall relate to the Government, State and Defence thereof. But we will not in any wise that You, or any other Sheriff in our said Province be elected. And upon such Election, You the said Sheriff, so soon as conveniently may be, give Notice to the Parties elected, if absent, and certify and transmit to the Governour or Keeper of the Great Seal of this Province, for the Time being, One of the Two several and respective Indentures, affixed to these Presents, close sealed up, and directed to the Governour or Keeper of the Great Seal of this Province for the Time being, and the other Part of the said Indentures, you are to keep for your Justification. Witness, &c.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the aforesaid Four Delegates to be elected in the respective Counties within this Province, be and are hereby bound and obliged to attend at the Time and Place of the Meeting of such Assembly, without any further Writ or Summons to be to them sent, under the Penalty of such Fines as shall be by the Lower House of Assembly imposed on them, unless, upon sufficient Excuse to be admitted by the Lower House of Assembly, their Absence be dispensed with; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Delegates obliged to attend according to Writ.

On Penalty of what the Delegates please.

Provided also, That no Ordinary Keeper within this Province, during the Time of his Ordinary-keeping, or any other Person disabled by any Laws of England from sitting in Parliament, shall be elected, chosen, or serve as a Deputy or Representative in the said General Assembly so to be hereafter called, convened and appointed as aforesaid.

Who are unqualified to serve.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Sheriffs within this Province, that shall not give speedy Notice to the Inhabitants of his County of the Time and Place where such Election shall be made, as well by Proclamation as aforesaid, and by causing the same to be read in all Churches, Chappels and other Publick Places within his said County, as also by Notes thereof set up at such Places thereby the better to inform the Inhabitants of the County, requiring them, under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to appear at

Sheriffs duly to give speedy Notice.