

Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several Constables of the several and respective Hundreds, in the several Counties, are hereby required to send a Copy of their Lists of Taxables to the Sheriff of their County, at or before the first Day of *August*, after the taking of such List.

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And whereas it is found, by Experience, that there are many single Persons (who are Free-Men) within this Province, who have not any settled Place of Residence, but make their Abode at such Places where they are employed, and such Employers refuse to give them in as Taxables, they not being constant Residents in their Families, by which Means they frequently escape paying any Tax at all :

Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Constable of any Hundred in any of the Counties within this Province, upon finding any such single Person or Free-Man in their respective Hundreds, who cannot procure some House-keeper within such Hundred to give him in as a Taxable, nor make appear that he is a Resident, or taken as a Taxable in some other Hundred or County, to carry such Person or Free-Man before the next Justice of the Peace for such County, who is hereby impowered and required to commit such Person, or Free-Man, into the Sheriff's Custody until he shall procure some House-keeper to return him as a Taxable, and be answerable for his Levy.

Unsettled
Free-men
oblig'd to
give Security
for their Le-
vy.

An ACT for the Encouragement of an Iron Manufacture, within this Province.

WHEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, That there are very great Conveniences of carrying on Iron Works within this Province, which have not hitherto been embraced for want of proper Encouragements to some first Undertakers, although the Consequences thereof might not only be considerably advantagious to the Persons immediately concerned therewith, but also to the publick Trade of *Great-Britain*, and this Province ; and for that it may so happen that the Lands or Places most proper for the fixing Forge-Mills, and other Conveniences for the carrying on such considerable Works, may happen to be within the Bounds of any Lands already reserved to his Lordship's Use, or such Lands as are in the Hands or Possession of Persons under Age, or unable to be at the Charge of carrying on such considerable Works, or else such as are wilfully obstinate, to the Hindrance of such Persons as would purchase such Lands or Places as should be fit for the carrying on so great Works, and setting them up, to the Increase of our Trade and Navigation, the Peopling of this Province, and to the Advantage of his Lordship, by the Encouraging the Taking-up such remote and barren Lands as are now entirely useless and uncultivated :

Preamble.

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his said Lordship's Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons from and after the Publication hereof, shall desire to set up such Forging-Mill, and other Conveniences for the carrying on such Iron Works, upon any Land not before cultivated.

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