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An Act For the Constables copying the List of
The Taxable

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Whereas through the default & carelessness of some
Constables in this Province many false Lists of the
Taxable persons in this Province are returned and
for that cause all Constables doe commonly proceed to
take the Lists of Taxables upon hearsay with
out going to the several hundred Respective houses in their
hundred to enquire of the masters of the Respective
families after the number of Taxables in each family
by which neglect the Inhabitants of this Province are
often times very much abused and wronged Be it therefore
Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by
and with the advice and Consent of the upper & lower
houses of this present Generall Assembly That from
and after the publication hereof every Constable within
this Province shall between the twentieth day of
June and the last day of July repair in person to
every respective house or habitation within his hundred
and there enquire of the master dame or other chief
person in the family what number of Taxable persons
they and every of them have within these respective
families and after such enquiry made above and
fair list shall Returne of all and every Taxable
persons within his hundred as aforesaid under
his hand unto the Sheriff of the County and another
true list thereof under his hand such Constable shall
present at the next County Court there to be sett up
And in case any master Dame or other chief person
of a family shall refuse or deny to give an accompt of
the Taxable persons of their families or upon their
accompt shall conceal any Taxable person or persons
in his or their families and not give a true accompt
of them to the Constable when required shall for every
such offence and for every person Taxable soe by him
concealed forfeit and pay double the Levy or Levies
of such person or persons soe by him or them concealed
and every Constable neglecting his office herein shall
forfeit and pay the sume of five hundred pounds of
Tobacco for every offence such forfeitures and fines to
be levied by the Justices of the Respective County
Courts where such Constables and Inhabitants dwell
and by them to be disposed of for the use of the Respec
tive Counties as the said Justices shall thinke fitt
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