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to be necessary to raise forces for suppressing of any So-
 - raigne invasion or Domestick insurrection or Rebellion or
 any war with any Indians That the said officers and
 Soldiers may be duly paid according to the proportions
 aforesaid and all other necessary charges & expences for
 the charge and managing such war may be duly
 paid and discharged without which this Province
 cannot be defended and secured Be it enacted by the
 Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice
 and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present
 Generall Assembly and the authority of the same That
 from hence forth all such necessary charges of such wars
 and Soldiers Pay as aforesaid shall be paid discharged
 and defrayed by a publick Levy by an equall assessment
 upon the Taxables of this Province by the Consent of the
 freemen of this Province by their Representatives &
 in a Generall Assembly and no other way what soever
 according to the clause in an act entitled an Act of
 gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq; Captaine
 Generall of Maryland.

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And to the end that the Inhabitants of this Province
 may not be abused by having their goods and provisions
 pressed from them by loose and Idle fellows who many
 times abuse their Commissions and the People Be
 it enacted by the authority aforesaid that from hence
 forth the Commissioners of each respective County
 within this Province shall yearly and every year viz^t
 between the nine and twentieth day of September
 and the five and twentieth day of December nomi-
 - nate and appoint two honest & Substantiall men
 of their Counties for every hundred to be prefe masters
 for the year ensuing and if any one dye or depart
 the Country or be lame or sick within that time That
 then the next Justice of Peace to nominate and ap-
 - point another in his stead that if occasion require
 they and none else shall impresse virtualls or other
 things given them in charge to be pressed by
 warrant from the Lord Proprietary his heirs or
 Successors or his or their Lieutenant Generall and
 Governour for the time being And if any other but
 such prefe master soe appointed shall pre-
 - sume upon pretence of any power as a prefe
 master to seize take press or carry away any
 goods or Commodities of any the Inhabitants of
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