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An act for encouragement of such Souldiers as shall
adventuro in the defence of the Countrey

Be it enacted by y^e L^d Prop^r, by & wth y^e consent of y^e upper & Lower houses of this present generall Assembly, that every person that shall adventuro as a Souldier in any warr in y^e defence of y^e Countrey, & shall thereon happen to be maimed, or receive hurt, shall, according to his place & quality, receive maintenance from y^e Countrey, according to his disability for maintaining himselfe.

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An act concerning the setting up of a Mint.

Inasmuch as money being the rule & measure of y^e value of Commodities, no trade or commerce can be well managed without it, & the want of it in this Province is a main hindrance to y^e advancement of this Colony in Trades, Manufactures, Towns, & all other things wch conduce to y^e flourishing & happy estate thereof. W^{ch} the Freedomen of this Province assembled in this present generall Assembly doe humbly pray y^e L^d Prop^r of this Province to take order for y^e setting up of a Mint, for y^e coyning of money wthin this Province, & consent that it may be enacted, And

Be it enacted by y^e L^d Prop^r wth y^e consent of the upper and Lower houses of this present generall Assembly that y^e money so coyned or wch shall be coyned in the said mint, shall be as good silver as the currant coyn of English sterling money. And that y^e weight of every shilling so coyned as afores^d shall weigh above nine pences in such silver as afores^d, & soe proportionably for other pecies of money coyned in the said mint. And

Be it further enacted that every offender of Clipping, scaling, Counterfeiting, washing or any way diminishing any Coyne soe to be made within this Province, shall suffer pain of death, & forfeit his or her Lands, goods & Chattels wthin this Province to the Lord Prop^r of this Province, & his heirs, Lords & Prop^rs of the same. And

It is further enacted by y^e a^uth^rities afores^d that y^e L^d Prop^r & his heirs, Lords & Prop^rs of this Province shall take & accept y^e Coyne in paymt for his Rent, Arrear of rent, & all other engagements due unto him y^e L^d Prop^r & his heirs, Lords & Prop^rs of this Province, according to this Act.