

To a Quarter Master & Corporall each Seacon Hundred pound of  
 Tobacco p month, To a Drumpter Seacon Hundred pound of Tobacco  
 p month, and to every Private Trooper Six hundred pound of  
 Tobacco p month, And that all theist Rates & allowtaunts for such  
 officers & Souldiers afore said shall bee allowed & paid and not  
 more, & that the month before menton'd bee amount & comp-  
 -ted & payed, according to the Callender & not otherwise, and to  
 the intent that whensoever it shall appere to the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> or  
 his <sup>h</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> or theist Governo<sup>r</sup> or his said <sup>h</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> or theist Gov<sup>r</sup>  
 or Councell to bee necessary to raise forces for the suppression of  
 any further Invasion or domestike Insurrection or Rebellion or any  
 warr with any Indians, that the said officers & Souldiers may bee  
 duly paid according to the proportions afore said, & all other  
 charges & expences for the charge & managing such warr  
 may bee duly paid & discharged without which this Province  
 cannot bee defended & secured, Be it enacted by the Right  
 Honourable the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> & with the advice & consent of the  
 upper & lower houses of this p<sup>r</sup> sent Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly, and the  
 authority of the same, that from hence forth all such necessary charges  
 of such warr & Souldiers pay as afore said shall bee paid & discharged  
 & defrayed by a Publike Levy by an equall assessment, upon the Capables  
 of this Province, by consent of the freemen of this Province, by their  
 Representatives & in a Generall assembly & not otherwise whatsoever  
 according to a Clause in an Act intituled an Act of Gratitude to his  
 Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of Maryland.

**AND** to the intent that the Inhabitants of this Province may not  
 bee abused by haunting their goods & Provisions pressed from them by  
 loose & idle fellows who many times abuse their Commissions & the  
 People, Be it enacted by the authority afore said that from hence forth  
 the Commission<sup>s</sup> of each Respective County shall yearly & every year  
 vizt, betweene the nine & twentieth day of September & the five  
 & twentieth day of December nominate & appointe two honest &  
 substantiall men of their County, for every Hundred to bee presse  
 masters for the year ensuing, & if any out dye or departe the  
 Country or bee lame or sick within that time, that then the next  
 Justice of peace to nominate & appointe another in his stead, that if  
 occasion require they & none else shall impresse virtually & other  
 things given them in charge to bee pressed by warr<sup>t</sup> from the Lord  
 Prop<sup>r</sup> or his heires or Successo<sup>r</sup>s or his or their <sup>h</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Governo<sup>r</sup> for the  
 time being, and if any other butt such presse masters soe appointed  
 shall presume upon pretence of any power as a presse master to seize  
 take presse or carry away any goods or Commodities of any the  
 Inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the person grived or to his  
 the value of such goods & Commodities soe as afore said unjustly pressed,