

Year viz between the Twenty Ninth day of September and  
 Twenty fifth day of December nominate and appoint two honest  
 and substantial men of their County to be prest masters for the year  
 ensuing and if any one die or depart the country or be lame or sick  
 within that time that then the next Justice of the peace to nominate  
 and appointe another in his stead that if occasion require they and not  
 other shall impress victuals and other things given them in Charge  
 to be prested by Warrant from his Excellency the Governour in Chief for  
 the time being and if any other but prest masters so appointed shall  
 presume upon pretence of any power as a prest master to seize take  
 prest carry away any Goods or Commodities of any the Inhabitants of this  
 Province shall pay to the person grieved Treble the Value of the Goods or  
 Commodities so as aforesaid unjustly prested **Provided** that no  
 prest Master or any other person whatsoever shall presume at  
 any time to seize prest or carry away from the Inhabitants Re-  
 sidents in this Province any Arms or Ammunition of any kind  
 whatsoever upon any Duty or Service or upon any Account whatsoever  
 under the penalty aforesaid any Law Statute or usage to the  
 contrary hereof in any wise Notwithstanding And Be it further  
 Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Commissioners of any  
 County Court within this Province who shall not between the 27<sup>th</sup>  
 day of September and the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of December in each res-  
 pective Year by precept from the County Court signed by the Clerk  
 of the Court nominate and appoint such and so many prest Masters  
 for every County as aforesaid shall each of them perform and pay  
 unto his Majesty for the Supporte of Government the Summe of Two  
 hundred pounds of Tobacco and such prest Master who shall be  
 nominated and appointed as aforesaid by such precept as aforesaid to  
 sum or them directed and shall thereupon refuse or neglect to  
 serve and Truly performe and execute the said Place and office  
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