

149 This Act appointed or to avoid corporal punishment

Act before to the contrary notwithstanding

September 24 - 1704

September 29 - 1704

Read and assented to by the House of Delegates
Wayland (Chm)

Read and assented to by the Council
W. Sturges (Chm)

Maryland October 3 - 1704

On the behalf of her Majesty the said King's Law.

Jo: Seymour

Great Seal

[Large decorative flourish]

An Act for the Appointment of Constables and what relates to their Office

Asupplem^t Act made here in 1712 -
Another Law of the same Tenor
being made in 1715 - This was
repealed

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that the Justices of Peace in each respective County of this Province at the first County Court held after Michaelmas shall appoint Constables in each Hundred of the severall and respective Counties and the said Constables so appointed to be forthwith enter into that Office having the severall and respective Oaths appointed to be taken by all Officers by the Acts of Assembly of this Province and the acts of Parliament in following (that is to say)

You A. B. shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the Office of a Constable You shall do and cause that for her Majesty's peace be well and duly kept to your power you shall arrest all persons as in your presence shall commit any Riot or other breach of her Majesty's peace You shall do your best endeavour to prevent to you made to seize all Robbers Thieves or persons violently Offending and such Offender shall make any Resistance with force you shall lay the same and pursue them until they be taken You shall do your best Endeavour to prevent and pursue raised and pursued against Murderers Thieves and other evil doers Servants and the Laws and Orders against Vagabonds and Begging coming within your Limits be duly put in Execution in your County