

137 Respective Counties and the said Constables so appointed shall
before they Enter into that office take the severall oaths
appointed to be Taken by all Officers by the acts of Assembly of
this province and the oaths of a Constable in the following
Manner to wit You A, B, shall well and truly serve our Sovereign
Lord the King in the office of a Constable you shall and cause
that his Majestys peace be well and duly kept according to
your power you shall arrest all such persons as in your office
shall Commit any Riot Fray or other Breach of his Majestys
peace you shall do your Best Endeavour upon Complaint
to you made to Seize all fellows barrators or persons riotous
ly Assembled and if any such Offender shall make any resist-
-tance with force you shall Sory hue and Cry and Cause them
to be persued so as they may be Taken you shall do your best
Endeavour that hue and Cry be duly raised and persued against Mur-
-derers thieves and other felons and fugitive Servants and the Lawd
and orders against Vagabonds and such other ~~pa~~ persons coming
within your limits be duly put in Execution at your County Courts
Coming you shall so far as in you lies put in Execution the Act of
Assembly against profane ^{Swearing} Curseing and Drunkenness and also true
presentments make of all blood sheeds affrays outery rescues and
other offences Committed against his Majestys peace within your
limits you shall well and truly Execute all precepts and warrants to
you Directed from the Justices of the peace of this County or higher
officers and you shall well and truly according to your power knowledge
and ability do and Execute all things belonging to the Office of a Constable
so long as you shall Continue in this Office So helps you God
And if the person or persons so appointed shall before any Justice
of the peace refuse to Take the severall oaths aforesaid or
shall refuse to provide a sufficient person to supply his place
in serving in the said Office and taking the oaths aforesaid
then such persons so refusing shall be fined to his Majesty
his heirs and Successors in the Summe of five hundred pounds
of tobacco towards the defraying the publick Charge of that
County and that such Justice of peace before whom such refu-
-sall shall be made shall Issue his warrant to the Sheriffs to
Sory the said fine by Distress and sale of the goods and Chattles of such
(person)