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to the proportions aforesaid and all other Charges and Expenses for the
Charge and Managem^t of such war may be duly paid and discharged
without which the Province cannot be defended and secured.

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that from
henceforth all such necessary Charges of such war and Soldiers
pay as aforesaid shall be paid discharged and defrayed by a publick
Looy by an Equall assessment upon the taxables of this Province
by the Consent of the freemen of this Province by their Representatives
in a Generall Assembly or out of the Publick Treasore of this
Province and not Otherwise whatsoever.

And to the Intent that the Inhabitants of this Province may not
be abused by having their goods and provisions prest by Sergeants
or other persons whom any times abuse their Commissions and the people

Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that from
henceforth the Commissioners of each respective County shall yearly and
every year viz. Between the twenty ninth day of September and the
twenty fifth day of December nominate and appoint two honest and
Substantiall men of their County to be prest masters for the year ensuing
and if any one dye or depart the County or become or sick within
that time that then the next Justice of peace to nominate and appoint
another in his stead that if occasion require they and no other
shall judge Victuals and other things given them in Charge
to be prest by warrant from his Excellency the Governour or
Commander in Chief for the time being, and if any other
Prestmaster so appointed shall presume upon pretence of any
power as a prest master to seize take prest or carry away any
goods or Commodities of any the Inhabitants of this Province
or they shall pay to the person proved treble the value of
Goods or Commodities so as aforesaid unjustly prest. Provided
that no Prest Master or any person or persons whatsoever
shall presume at any time to seize prest or carry away
from the Inhabitants residents in this Province any
Arms or Ammunition of any kind whatsoever upon any
duty or Service or upon any account whatsoever unless
by order of his Excellency the Governour or Commander in Chief
of this Province for the time being under the Penalty aforesaid
any Law Statute or Usage to the Contrary hereof in any
wise notwithstanding.

And