



a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the Twelfth Day of December, in the Fourth Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable FREDERICK, Lord Baron of Baltimore, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, &c. Annoque Domini 1754; the following Act passed, viz.

*Act for taking and detaining able-bodied Men for His Majesty's Service.*

**W**HEREAS it is thought necessary at this Time, to raise a Body of able Land-men, for his Majesty's Service, against the French and their Allies on this Continent; and whereas it is found by experience, that although there are Numbers of able-bodied Men in the several Counties of this Province, (whose enlisting into the said Service would only greatly promote the same, but would also be removing a Burthen Charge from the honest and industrious Inhabitants thereof) yet that Persons are too generally averse to engage in such Service:

Preamble.

*BE it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful, upon Application of any Officer, or Officers, commissioned or appointed to raise or levy Men for his Majesty's Service, to and for the Justices of the Peace of every County in this Province, by one or more of them, and they, and every of them, are hereby directed and required, within their severall and respective Counties, by Warrant under the Seal or some or one of their Hands and Seals, to command all Sheriffs, or Sheriffs, Constables, and others, within their severall and respective Counties, to be by the said Justices from Time to Time for that Purpose especially*

Upon Application of an Officer, to any Justice, he is obliged to issue his Warrant,