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II, III.

Justice, before whom he shall be convicted, to receive a Number of Lashes, not exceeding thirty-nine.

Justices may
issue Search-
Warrants on
Suspicion of
Deserters be-
ing conceal-
ed, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That upon Information on Oath or Affirmation, before a Justice of Peace, by any Person entitled to take such Oath or Affirmation, that such Person has good Cause to suspect that a Deserter is harboured or concealed in any Dwelling-House, or other House, it shall be lawful for such Justice to issue his Warrant to have such House searched, and for that Purpose to break open such House, on Neglect or Refusal to open the Door or Doors thereof, when demanded; and if any Person shall presume to break open any House, on Pretence of searching for Deserters, without such Warrant obtained as aforesaid, such Offender shall forfeit twenty Dollars to the Party grieved, to be awarded by any Justice, and levied on the Offender's Person, Goods, or Chattels, or be subject to an Action of Trespas, at the Election of the Party who shall be so injured and grieved.

Penalty on
Constables,
&c. refusing
to take or as-
sist in appre-
hending De-
ferrers.

VIII. And be it enacted, That every Constable shall repair, as often as the Case may require, to any Place within his Hundred, in which he shall be informed, or may suspect a Deserter or Deserters may be harboured, or concealed, or dwelling, and shall apprehend all and every such suspected Person or Persons, and carry him or them before a Justice of the Peace, under the Penalty of twenty Shillings, current Money, who shall examine and proceed with such Person or Persons as above is directed; and if any Person summoned by any Constable to assist, shall neglect or refuse to give his Assistance, such Person shall forfeit twenty Shillings, current Money; the said two last mentioned Fines to be recovered in Manner and Form aforesaid, one Moiety of each of the said two last mentioned Fines to the Use of the County or City where such Offender shall reside, the other Half to the Informer, and if no Informer, the Whole to the County or City.

Continuance.

IX. This Act to continue and be in Force for and during the present War with Great-Britain.

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An ACT to promote the Recruiting Service.

Soldiers not
to be arrested
unless in-
debted 12 l.
Sterl. &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no Inhabitant of this State, who shall enlist in any of the Battalions raised by this State, or in any of the Artillery Companies, for the Defence thereof, shall be arrested and by Civil Process taken from the Service, unless he shall be indebted to the Plaintiff in the Sum of twelve Pounds Sterling, twenty Pounds common Money, or two thousand Pounds of Tobacco, verified by Affidavit indorsed on the Writ; and the Estate of no Person enlisted, as aforesaid, shall be liable to Attachment or Execution for Debt, or Distress for Rent, unless the Debt or the Rent due amount to more than twelve Pounds Sterling, twenty Pounds common Money, or two thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and if any Soldier shall be arrested, or any Attachment or Execution shall issue, or Distress be made, contrary to the Intent of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of the County where