

An Act For Granting of one Subseye

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The Freemen of this Province out of their desire to return his Lordship some testimony of their gratitude for his Lordships great charge & solicitude in meinteining the Govern<sup>t</sup> & protecting the Inhabitants in their persons rights and liberties and to contribute some support toward it so far as the young & poor estate of the Colony will yett beare doe desire that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary of the Province of and with the advice & assent of the Freemen p. 77 of the same that every freeman or freewoman & every Servant belonging to some master or dame out of the Province now being or w<sup>ch</sup> at any time hereafter shall be an Inhabitant of any County of the Province for the space of three months at the least afore the tenth of November next shall at the said tenth of November pay unto such person or persons or one of them as shall be appointed & authorized in that County to Collect the same by the Lord Proprietarie or his Leivten<sup>t</sup> Generall 15<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco for him or her Self & other 15<sup>l</sup> Tobacco for every person which shall belong to his her or their family or sojourne in the same for the greatest part of the time between this & the 25<sup>th</sup> of July next (Children excepted under the age of 12 years) and shall pay the said Tobacco with Cask (or allow for Cask after the rate of 10<sup>l</sup> p hundred) at some such plantation or plantations as Shall be appointed or well liked of in the hundred by the Collector or Collectors or one of them as aforesaid and the Inhabitants of Kent shall be Chargeable to pay it at Kent ffort

And such Collector or Collectors or any of them may distrein for the said right upon any p<sup>r</sup>son or persons chargeable to the said Levy's as aforesaid & refuseing or delaying to pay the same or upon any his or her lands debts goods & Chattells or w<sup>ch</sup> shall be in his or her possession at the time of such distresse

Provided that where any house keeper or house keepers payes for any freeman or freewoman as belonging to his her or their family such house keeper or house keepers so paying may charge the said Paym<sup>t</sup> to the account of such freeman or freewoman or recover it by accon<sup>t</sup> of debt in which Case a p. 78 freeman or freewoman is to be judged such as are in covenant for wages or hyre for their work or Service And where any house keeper as aforesaid payes for any apprentice as belonging to his family w<sup>ch</sup> apprentice as hyred of or belonging to some other person such house keeper so paying may charge the said Paym<sup>t</sup> to the acco<sup>t</sup> of the person whoes the apprentice is And where it is uncertain to what family any artificer Seaman or other person haveing no certain abideing place doth