

Liber P R Counties, and from each Coun[ty to] every hundred, and from thence to particular persons, according to the proportion [of] their charge to the expedition; vntill the said charge be fully satisfied & recompenced.

p. 28 25 An Act providing some things for the better Safety of the Colony.

Whensoever the necessary defence of the Province or any part thereof against the assault or invasion of the Indians or other enemies shall require it, it shalbe lawfull for the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant Generall, to presse or take any vessells, men, provisions, armes ammunition or other things necessary for defence, at the most vsuall rates of the country at that time, and the price or hire thereof to charge vpon the inhabitants of the Province in such manner & according to such proportions as the said Lieuten^t Generall with the advice & assent of the Counsell or the maior part of them then present in the County shall think fitt.

Provided that such charges amount not in one yeare to above foure thousand weight of tobacco in S^t Maries County, nor in Kent to above two thousand weight of tobacco

And if any person pressed to goe vpon any publique Service or expedition by authority of any Law of the Province, receive any corporall harme in such service whereby he shalbe disabled to follow his labour or calling, he shalbe cured, and he his wife & children (if he have any and not otherwise meinteinable) shalbe meinteined till he be able to work, at the charge of the Province or County, in such manner & according to such rates & proportions as the Court shall assesse.

And if any inhabitant be constrained (by publique order) to forsake his house or goods for the assisting of others or for common safety, whereby such house or goods come to spoile or harme, such person so harmed or spoiled, vpon prooffe thereof shall have his spoile or losses repaired by a publique contribution of the whole County, where such case happens, in such manner & according to such proportions as shalbe assessed by the Court. This Act to endure for three yeares from this day.

These Acts were published at S^t Maries vnder the Great Seale, the fifteenth day of September 1642