

Liber W. H. not bee abused by haueing their goods & Provisions pressed from them by Loose & Idle. ffellowes who many times abuse their Comissions & the People, Bee itt enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from henceforth the Comission^{rs} of each Respectiue Countys shall yearely & euey yeare vizt, betweene the nine & Twentieth day of September & the ffive & Twentieth day of december nominate & appointe Two Honest & Substantiall men of their Countys, for euey Hundred to bee presse Masters for the yeare ensueing, & if any one dye or departe the Country or bee Lane or sicke within that time, that then the next Justice of peace to nominate & appointe another in his stead, that if occasion Requier they & none else shall Impresse victualls & other things giuen them in Charge to bee pressed by warr^t from the Lord Prop^{ty} his Heires or Successo^{rs} or his or their L^t Gen^l & Governo^r for the time being, And if any other butt such presse masters soe appointed shall presume vpon p^rtence of any power as a presse master to seize take presse or Carry away any goods or Comoditys of any the Inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the person greiued Treble the value of such goods & Comoditys soe as

p. 164 aforesaid vnjustly pressed, Provided that noe Pressemaster nor any other person or p^{rs}ons whatsoever, shall presume att any time to take seize presse or Carry away from any Inhabitants Resident within this Province any Armes or Aminicōn of any kind whatsoever, vpon any duty or Service vpon any account whatsoever vnder the penalty aforesaid, any Law Statute or vseage to the Contrary heereof in any wise notwithstanding, And bee itt Likewise enacted by the Authority advice & Consent aforesaid, that the Comission^{rs} of any Respectiue County Courts within this Province who shall not betweene the nine & Twentieth day of September, & the said ffive & Twentieth day of december, in each Respectiue yeare, by precept from the County Court Signed by the Clerke of the Court, nominate & appoint such & soe many Presse masters for euey hundred within their County as aforesaid, shall each of them forfeite & pay vnto the Right Honourable the Lord Prop^{ty} the sume of ffive Hundred pounds of Tobacco, And such Presse masters who shall bee soe nominated & appointed as aforesaid, by such p^rcept as aforesaid, to him or them directed, & shall therevpon Refuse or neglect to serve & duely & truely to execute & performe the said place & office of Presse master shall forfeite & pay vnto the Right Honourable the Lord Prop^{ty} for euey time hee or they soe nominated & appointed as aforesaid shall Refuse or neglect to serve as aforesaid the sume of ffive hundred pounds of Tobacco.

And for the more & better Incouragem^t of such Souldiers as shall in time of warr venture in the service of the Country