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Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from henceforth all such necessary Charges of such Warr and Souldier pay as aforesaid shall be payd discharged and defray'd by a Publiq Levy by an equall Assessment upon the Taxables of this Province by the Consent of the ffreemen of this Province by their Representatives in a Generall Assembly or out of the publiq Treasury of this Province and no otherwise whatsoever.

And to the Intent that the Inhabitants of this Province may not be abused by having their goods and provisions prest by loose and idle persons who many times abuse their Comissions and the people.

Be it further enacted by the Authority advice and Consent that from henceforth the Comissioners of each respective County shall yearly and every Year viz. Between the twenty ninth day of September and the twenty fifth day of December Nominate and appoint two honest and substantiall Men of their Countys to be presse Masters for the year ensuing And if any
p. 64 one dye or depart the County or be lame or Sick within that time that then the next Justice of the peace to nominate and appoint one other in his stead that if occasion require they and no other shall impress Victuals & other things given them in Charge to be passd by Warrant from his Excellency the Governo^r in Chief for the time being And if any other but pressmasters so appoynted shall presume upon pretense of any power as a press Master to Seize take press or Carry away any goods or Comoditys of any the Inhabitants of this Province shall pay to the persons greived treble the value of the Goods and Comoditys so as aforesaid unjustly pressd.

Provided that no pressmaster or any person or persons whatsoever shall presume at any time to Seize press or Carry away from the Inhabitants resident in this Province any Arms or Ammunition of any kind whatsoever upon any duty or Service or upon any Account whatsoever any law Statute or usage to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Comissioners of any County Court within this Province who shall not between the seven and twentyeth day of September and the five and twentyeth day of December in each respective year by precept from the County Court Signd by the County Court Sign'd by the Clerk by the Court nominate and appoynt such and so many press Masters for every County as aforesaid shall each of them forfeitt and pay unto her Majesty for the Support of Governm^t the sume of five hundred pounds of Tobacco And such Press Masters who shall be so nominated and appointed as aforesaid by such precepts as aforesaid to him or them directed and shall thereupon refuse or neglect to serve and truly perform and execute the said