

PRESS-MASTERS.

1. The several County Courts shall, yearly, between the 29<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> December, appoint Two honest and substantial Men of their County, to be Press-Masters for the Year ensuing. 1715, *ch.* 43, §. 11.

2. The Justices of any County Court, neglecting to appoint Press-Masters, as aforesaid; (by Precept from their Court, signed by their Clerk) shall each of them forfeit 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, for the Support of Government. *Ibid.* §. 13.

3. Press-Masters, so appointed, refusing or neglecting to serve and truly execute the said Office, shall forfeit 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco for each Offence, to the same Use. *Ibid.*

4. On the Death, Removal, Sickness, &c. of any Press-Master, the next Justice of the Peace shall appoint another in his Place. *Ibid.* §. 11.

5. Such Press-Masters shall, if Occasion require, impress Victuals, &c. by Warrant from the Governor. *Ibid.*

6. Any others, than such Press-Masters, presuming to press any Goods, &c. shall pay treble Value to the Persons grieved. *Ibid.*

7. Nor shall Press-Masters press any Arms or Ammunition whatsoever, on any Duty or Service, unless by Order of the Governor, under the like Penalty. *Ibid.* §. 12.

See *Musters*, 11.

PRETENDER Abjured. See *Protestant Interest*.

PRINCIPAL. See *Accessory*.

PRINTER TO THE PROVINCE.

1. *William Parks*. Acts for his Encouragement. 1727, *ch.* 8; and 1737, *ch.* 13.

2. *Jonas Green*. Acts for his Encouragement. 1740, *ch.* 4; 1744, *ch.* 4; 1746, *ch.* 9; 1749, *ch.* 8; 1753, *ch.* 39; 1754, *ch.* 8; 1756, *ch.* 14 and 22; 1760, *ch.* 8; 1762, *ch.* 24; and 1763, *ch.* 33.

3. He shall be allowed by the several County Courts, annually, at laying their County Levy, 320<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, for each Inspection respectively; for Printing and delivering a sufficient Number of Books, Notes, and Manifests, for the several Inspections. 1763, *ch.* 18, §. 118. And in what Species of Gold and Silver this Allowance may be discharged, see *Ibid.* §. 120.

PRISON.

The Justices of the County Court shall not levy above 6000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, at any one Time, for the necessary Repairs of any one Prison. But if more be adjudged necessary, they shall not levy the same without Leave of the General Assembly. 1748, *ch.* 20, §. 3.

See *Public Goal*.

PRISONERS, not bound by the Act of Limitation. 1715, *ch.* 23, §. 3 and 6.

PRIVATE LAWS. See *Naturalization Bills*.

PRIZE. See *Militia*, 9.

PRIZES FOR TOBACCO. See *Inspectors*, 31. *Warehouses*.

PROBAT OF ACCOUNTS. See *Accounts*, 2—7. *Administrators*, 16—19. *Attachment*, 11. *Discount in Bar*, 1. *Foreign Debts*, 2, 3.

PROBAT OF BONDS. See *Advancement of Justice*, 9. *Attachment*, 10. *Foreign Debts*, 2, 3. *Records*, 2, 3.

PROBAT OF WILLS. See *Commissary-General*, 2. *Deputy-Commissary*, 1—3.

PROCESS. See *Lord Proprietary*, 7—9.

PROCESS CIVIL.

Any Persons within this Province, may order out Process in their own proper Names, without any titling from an Attorney; and the Clerks of the Provincial and County Courts shall, on Application to them, issue such Writs; the Parties demanding the same (if Non-Residents) giving Security for Fees. 1716, *ch.* 20, §. 2.

See *Lord Proprietary*, 7—9.

PROCESS CRIMINAL.

1. No Process for any Criminal Matter or other Misdemeanour, shall issue out of any the Courts of this Province, against any Person whatsoever, without a Presentment first found by the Grand Jury; or a special Order by the Governor in Council, or of the Provincial or County Courts. 1715, *ch.* 48, §. 1.

2. No Attorney General, or Clerk of the Peace or of Indictments, shall exhibit any Bill of Indictment to any Grand Jury, without an Order from the Governor and Council, or from the Court, or one of the Justices of such Court; or unless the Offender be bound over to such Court, or presented by the Grand Jury of their own Knowledge; on Penalty of paying the Party grieved all Damages, &c. occasioned by such Prosecution. 1722, *ch.* 5.

See *Appeal*, 11. *Attorneys*, 3.

PROPRIETARY. See *Lord Proprietary*.

PROTESTANT DISSENTERS. See *Dissenters*.

PROTESTANT INTEREST.

1. All Persons admitted to any Office or Place of Trust, within this Province, shall take the Oaths of Allegiance, of Abhorrency, and Abjuration: And without taking such Oaths, and subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, and making and subscribing the Test (for the Forms of all which see the Act at large) before some Member of the Council, or some Provincial or County Magistrate, or before some Court of Record, no Person shall be capable of holding or executing any Office, Deputation, or Trust, within this Province. 1716, *ch.* 5, §. 3.

2. Any Person presuming to execute or enjoy any such Office, &c. contrary to the true Meaning of this Act; the Commission, Deputation, &c. of such Person is not only declared void *ab Initio*, but such Offender shall also forfeit to his Lordship 250<sup>l.</sup> Sterling; one Half to the Use of Free Schools within this Province, the other Half to the Informer. *Ibid.*

3. The Clerk of any Court of Record, where such Oaths are taken in open Court, shall (*ex Officio*) keep a fair Transcript of the Oath of Abjuration and of the Test, to be subscribed by every Person taking the Oaths, and shall record the Time, &c. when taken and subscribed, and the Office or Trust such Persons hold within this Province. *Ibid.* §. 5.

4. Any Member of the Council, or Magistrate, administering the Oaths out of Court, shall keep the like fair Transcript; for every Person to sign who takes the Oaths before them; and shall also certify, under their Hands, to the next County Court, the Names of such Persons, the Time when Sworn, and the Office they enjoy: Which Certificate shall be entered by the Clerk (*ex Officio*) in the County Records. *Ibid.*

5. Persons applying to any Magistrate, to have the Oaths administered out of Court, shall repair to the Dwelling-House of such Magistrate, who shall not be obliged to administer the same elsewhere. *Ibid.* §. 6.

6. Persons having taken the Oaths, &c. before one Magistrate, shall be obliged to take and subscribe the same *de novo*, (if required) in any Court of Record during the Sitting thereof, on Pain of incurring the Penalties aforesaid: Which Oaths shall be administered and recorded by the Officers of such Court, without Fee or Reward. *Ibid.* §. 7.

7. This Act shall not extend to alter the Manner of administering the Oaths to Vestrymen, Church-wardens and Parish-Registers, required by the Act of 1702, *ch.* 1. (See *Vestry*, 3, 4.) *Ibid.* §. 8.

8. If any Person who has taken the Oaths, shall afterwards be present at any Popish Assembly, &c. and join with them in their Service at Mass, or receive the Sacrament in that Communion; he shall not only forfeit his Office, and incur the Penalties of this Act, but also be incapable of holding or executing any Commission, &c. within this Province, until he be fully reconciled to the Church of England, and receive the Communion therein. *Ibid.* §. 9.

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