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At the Generall Assembly holden at S^t Maries the
Eleventh day of february 1644

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An Act for the defence of the Province

It shalbe lawfull for the Governor for this yeare onley to settle a garrison at pascatoway and to assesse the charge of it vpon every head able to beare armes inhabiting within the province at any time afore the first of December next so that such charge vpon any head exceed not a barrell of corne, or fifty pounds of tobacco wth cask at the choice of the payer And to presse any Souldiers to that service, at the rate of three and twenty barrells of corne, or one thousand w^t tob wth cask & three barrels of corne for a yeares pay And to appoint the payment of such souldier in such hundred & such place of the hundred as the Governor shall see fittest. And to appoint one or two places in every hundred, to which all persons chargeable within the hundred shall bring the corne or tobacco charged vpon them, before the first of December next. And if any one chargeable as aforesaid, shall not pay the same according to such Order as shalbe appointed by the Governor as aforesaid such partie so in default shall forfeite to the partie to whose payment he was charged double the quantity or value of the tobacco or corne so charged; to be levied vpon the partie offending by way of distresse. And the charge of the late Expedition to Kent & of this assembly as shalbe allowed by the Court is to be defrayed out of this levie] Published vnder great seale 13th febr: 1644