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On the behalf of her Majesty &c I will this be a Law
Jo: Seymour

An Act for the Appointment of Constables and what relates
to their Office

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that the Justices of peace in every respective County of this Province at the first County Court held after Michaelmas shall appoint Constables in each Hundred of the severall and respective Countys And the said Constables so appointed shall before they enter into that Office take the severall and respective Oaths appointed to be taken by all Officers by the Acts of Assembly of this province and the oath of Constable in forme following (that is to say)

You A. B. shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the Office of a Constable You shall see and Cause that her Majestys peace be well and duly kept according to your power you shall Arrest all such persons as in your presence shall Com̄it any Riott ffray or other breach of her Majestys peace You shall do your best endeavour upon Complaint to you made to seize all ffelons Barretors Riotters or persons riotously Assembled And if any such Offender shall make any Resistance with fforce you shall levy Hue and Cry and pursue them untill they be taken You shall do your best Endeavour that Hue and Cry be duly raised and pursued against Murtherers Thieves and other ffelons and fugitive servants and the laws and Orders against Vagabonds and such other Idle persons coming within your Limits be duly put in Execution At your County Courts Coming you shall present all offenders done against the severall Acts made for the Suppressing of Drunkenness and also true presentment make of all Bloodsheddts affrays outcrys Rescues and other Offences Comitted against her Majestys peace within your Limitts you shall well and truly execute all precepts and Warrants to you directed from the Justices of Peace of this County or Higher Officers and you shall well and truly according to your power Knowledge and Ability do and execute all things belonging to the Office of a Constable so long as you shall Continue in this Office.

So Help you God.

And if the person or persons so appointed shall before any Justice of the peace refuse to take the severall Oaths afore-