

An Act for the Raising Money by presentment on
the several Counties in this Province, for the
Defraying Certain County Charges therein men-
tion'd.

*E*t enacted by the Governor, Council, and *Cap. b.*
*A*ssembly, That from and after the Publication hereof,
B it shall and may be lawfull, for the several *Grand Ju-*
ries in each of the several Counties in this Province;
either at the Court of *Affize*, or *General Sessions of the*
Peace held for such County, to present annually a proper and fit Person;
one of the Freeholders of said County, to be a Treasurer for said County
for the Year ensuing, and such Person being approved of, by the Court
shall be Sworn to the due Execution of his Office, and Invested with all
the powers and Trusts, as herein after Directed.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be
lawfull for the several *Grand Juries* in each of the several Counties
within this Province, either at the Court of *Affizes* or *General Sessions of*
the Peace, held for such County, to make presentment upon proper Re-
presentations made thereon, by *three* or more Freeholders of the said
County, or of their own Knowledge, of all such Sum and Sums of Mo-
ney or Expences, that may be found to have arisen, or that may be ab-
solutely necessary to be Rais'd for the Building or Repairing a County
Goal, or for the Building or Repairing a Court or *Session House*, erec-
ting Stocks, Pillories, or Pounds, and providing Bolts and Shackles, as
also for the Conveying of Persons accused of any Treason or Felony, to the
County Goal, being *Three Miles* distance or upwards, so as the same do
not exceed *Six pence per Mile*; as likewise for the Support of poor Cri-
minals in Goal.

And be it also further enacted That all Money so
Rais'd

Rais'd by presentment as aforesaid, and levied from off the Inhabitants of the several Counties, shall be paid into the hands of the County Treasurer, and shall not be applied to any other use, than such for which the same was Rais'd; and if any Person or Persons who shall be appointed in the said presentment and order thereon, to be the Director or Directors, Overseer or Overseers of the Work, or the Distributor or Distributors of the Money hereby Rais'd, for which such presentment was made, shall not at the next *General Assizes* or *General Sessions* of the County, or in a Reasonable Time to be by them appointed, make appear in his, or their Account or Accounts, with good Vouchers, that the Money so Rais'd and Receiv'd by him or them, shall have been expended pursuant to said Presentment to the use of the County, he or they shall still be Chargeable with the same, and every Person so accountable for any Publick Money, shall when required by the Justices at their *General Sessions* or by the *Judges of Assize* at their *General Goal Delivery*, make up their Accounts on Oath, and if such Accountants shall neglect to make a fair and just Account of all such Publick Money, or shall upon such Accounts be found to have such Money or any part thereof remaining in his, or their hands, such Accountants shall forthwith pay such Money into the Hands of such Persons, as shall by such *Grand Jury* and *Justices of the Peace* or *Judges of Assize*, be presented, and ordered for the use of such County, where such publick Money shall be Rais'd, and in Default thereof, such Person or Persons so accountable, shall by the *Justices* at their said *Sessions* or *Judges of Assize* at their Respective *Assizes* be Committed to the Common Goal, in Execution, untill such Account shall be made and Ballance paid, or sufficient Sureties given for the same.

Provided, always, and be it enacted, That no presentment for the Raising Money as aforesaid, shall be confirmed by the *Judges of Assize* or the *Justices in General Sessions*, until the last day of the sitting of said *Court of Assize* or *General Sessions of the Peace*, and such presentment so made shall be posted up in the Court House from the time of its being made till the same is confirmed, to the End, that all Persons concern'd may have Notice thereof, and Object against and Traverse the same, if they see Convenient.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful

ful, for the several *Grand Juries* in each County in this Province, at the *Affizes* and at the *General Sessions of the Peace* to make presentment if they think fit; and for the *Judges* and *Justices* to Confirm the same, for the Raising any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds per Annum*, to be paid to the Treasurer of each County for his Services in that Station, and also that it shall and may lawfull, for said *Grand Juries* to present *three* or more good and sufficient Freeholders for every Township in said County, to be Assessors for said Township, who are to be approved of by the Court, and are to be Sworn by the said Court, or before any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to the due and faithful Execution of the Office to which they are appointed, and that without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, to the best of their Skill and Knowledge, and in case any Person, who may be appointed as Assessor as aforesaid, and shall Refuse to accept the said Office, another Person shall immediately be appointed in his stead by the Court, or by any two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and the Person so Refusing shall Forfeit the Sum of *Forty Shillings*, to be Recover'd by Bill Plaint or Information in any of his Majesty's *Courts of Record*, or before any *two* of his Majesty's Justices, and be paid to the Treasurer of the County, for the Use of the County, wherein such Assessor was appointed.

And be it also further enacted, That the *Judges of Assize* or *Justices in General Sessions* for Each County, shall agree and determine each Respective Towns Proportion of the Sum so presented and Confirmed by the Court, and the Sum so proportion'd, shall be assessed on the Inhabitants in Each Township, in the Justest and most Equal manner they can devise, and the same shall be levied by the Constables of the said Townships Respectively, by Warrant under the hand and Seal of any *two* of his Majesty's *Justices of the Peace* for the said County, and in Case of Refusal, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Persons Refusing or Neglecting to pay the Sums Assessed on them as aforesaid, with the Charge of such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus if any; and in case any Person or Persons shall think themselves aggriev'd by such Assessment or Levying thereof, they shall be at Liberty to appeal to the next *General Sessions* held for the County who are finally to determine the same; and the Money when so Levied, shall

shall be paid into the Hands of the County Treasurer, who is to pay the same to the Persons, as directed in the Presentment.

And be it enacted, That the Treasurer in each County, shall make up his Accounts upon Oath of all his Receipts and Payments, at every Court of *Assize* or *General Sessions* held for said County, to be approved or disapproved by said Courts; and the same shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for said County, and no Treasurer or other Person or Persons concerned; is to compound for any Money to be Rais'd on said County, nor make any deduction whatsoever for any Sum he, or they shall pay to any Person or Persons, but such as he or they shall Account for by proper Vouchers, and if any Treasurer shall Offend herein, or Neglect to make up his Account as aforesaid, he shall forever be incapable to serve as Treasurer again, and be Committed to Goal without Bail or main Prize, until he fairly Accounts with the Court of *Assize* or *General Sessions of the Peace* held for such Town or County, and from the said Court to Receive a Certificate of his having paid his Account to their Approbation.

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An Act for Regulating Servants.

cap. 7. WHEREAS great Damage and Inconveniencies have arisen, and Daily do arise by Apprentices and Bound and Hired Servants, Deserting and leaving their Service without a Legal Discharge; for Prevention whereof.

Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the publication hereof, all Servants Bound by Indenture, or Hired Servants, for any Time not less than Six Months, at the Expiration of the Term for which they were Bound or Hired to Serve, shall have from their Master or Mistress a Certificate