

induced thereby to practise Extortion, and to become variously oppressive to His Majesty's Subjects:—For Remedy whereof, and to bring this Government, as near as may be, to resemble the envied and happy Constitution of our Mother Country:

*I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That from and after the Publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Justice, or, in his absence, for the eldest Justice of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature in this Island, once in every Year—that is to say on the third *Monday* in *April* annually, to nominate three proper and fit Persons to be made High Sheriff for this Island at large, (the same to be done in Writing;) and a Copy of which Nomination, being signed by the said Chief Justice, or eldest Justice, he, so signing the same, is hereby directed, immediately thereupon, to present to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, who is hereby empowered immediately to prick one out of the said number to serve the Office of High Sheriff as aforesaid, for the ensuing Year: Which Sheriff, being so appointed, shall thereupon take the usual Oaths of Office, together with the Oaths herein after prescribed. And immediately upon his receiving his Patent, and having entered good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, and His Majesty's Council, for the faithful Execution of his Office, in the Provincial Secretary's Office, he shall be fully invested with all the Powers and Authorities of a High Sheriff, and be subject to all such Acts, made and passed in this Island, as may in any manner have related to the Duties and Execution of the Office of Provost Marshal, and be entitled to the same Fees as are established by Law for the said Provost Marshal; and shall also have, possess, and enjoy, during the continuance of his Office, all and every the Powers and Authorities which His Majesty's Provost Marshal have possessed or enjoyed, either by Virtue of

The Chief Justice, or, in his absence, the oldest Justice, on every third Monday in April, annually, to nominate three fit Persons for the Office of Sheriff for this Island at large.

Copy of such Nomination, being signed, to be presented to Governor,

Who is thereupon to prick out one to serve the ensuing Year.

Sheriff to take the usual Oaths of Office, &c. and upon receiving his Patent, and having given approved Security, to be fully invested with all the Powers and Authorities of a High Sheriff,

and to be subject to all Acts relative to the Duties of the Office of Provost Marshal, and to be entitled to the same Fees, &c.