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An ACT in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.

5. Geo. 3. c. 6.

Preamble.

Upon the Neglect of the Grand Juries to make Presentment, the Judges of Assize or the Justices in General Sessions, shall amerce the County in such Sums as may be necessary to defray the County Charges,

to be assessed on the Inhabitants by three Assessors to be appointed in each Township.

The Assessors shall appoint Collectors

Their Duty;

and Allowance,

HEREAS in and by an Act made in the fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned, it is among other Things Enacted, "That the several Grand Juries in each of the several Counties within this Province, either at the Court of Assize or General Sessions of the Peace held for such County, shall make Presentment of all such Sum and Sums of Money or Expences, that may be found to have arisen, or that may be necessary to be raised for the Purposes therein mentioned;" And Whereas the Grand Juries in some Counties in the Province, have neglected or refused to make such Presentment, to the great Detriment of the Public Good, Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That on the Neglect or Refusal of such Grand Juries to make Presentment as is directed in and by the afore recited Act, the Judges of Assize, or the Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, shall, and they are hereby impowered to amerce the County in such Sum or Sums as it shall appear to them (upon due Proof made before them) to be necessary for defraying the Expences which have arisen, or shall be judged by them necessary to be raised, for the Use of the County; which said Sum or Sums shall be equally assessed on the Inhabitants of said County, according to their Ability, and paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the County, for the Uses aforesaid; and the Judges or Justices aforesaid are hereby authorized and impowered to appoint three Assessors in each Township, for the assessing the Money aforesaid.

II. And Whereas in and by the afore recited Act, it is also enacted, "That the Constables shall levy the Sum proportioned for each Town," which is found inconvenient, Be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the respective Assessors, already appointed or to be appointed for any Town, to nominate and appoint one or more Collectors, to collect and receive all Sums of Money as have been or may be assessed pursuant to this or the said Act, and the said Collector or Collectors, when he or they shall have so collected and received the said Sums of Money, shall pay the same into the Hands of the County Treasurer, deducting for his or their Trouble in collecting the same, one Shilling in the Pound.

III. And