

the King, Lords and Commons, to bind this Province in all Cases whatsoever.

And whereas His Majesty's liege Subjects of this Province, in Testimony of their Acknowledgment of such Supremacy, and from their Zeal and Affection to his Majesty's Benign Government, established in this Province, have in the most public Manner signed an Association to evince to their Sovereign and his Representative in this Colony, their Readiness at all Times, when Danger or Necessity may require, not only to Hazard their Property, but cheerfully expose their Lives, for the Defence of this His Majesty's Province, and particularly for the Support of his Garrison, and Military Stores at Halifax, and as it is thought necessary at this Time, that Preparations should be made for embodying, regulating and supporting the Militia of this Province, or such Part thereof as may be judged necessary, for the Defence of the same.

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, being desirous to make Provision for the Purposes aforesaid, have resolved to give and grant unto His Majesty the Rate or Tax herein after mentioned, to be levied and paid by the Inhabitants of this Province.

Tax to be paid.

I. And be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That all and every Male Person being an Inhabitant of this Province, above the Age of Twenty One Years, shall within Twelve Months after the Publication of this Act, pay into the Hands of the Commissioners or Assessors as hereinafter is directed, a Rate, Assessment or Sum of Money, not less than Five Shillings, and not exceeding Five Pounds.

Poor and Indigent Persons &c. to be exempted.

II Provided always, and be it Enacted, That all and every Commissioner or Assessor to be appointed as herein after is directed, are hereby empowered to excuse and exempt from paying or bearing the aforesaid Rate, Assessment or Tax, any and all such Person or Persons, within the respective District of such Commissioners or Assessors, as they may judge to be Poor or Indigent Persons, or such Person or Persons as may have numerous and chargeable Families, and unable to bear the Rate, Assessment and Tax aforesaid.

Governor Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief to appoint Commissioners in each Township, being Freeholders, who shall within Ten Days after their Appointment give Notice of Time appointed for making the Rate, that the Inhabitants may attend.

III. And be it also Enacted, That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, shall and may nominate and appoint three good and sufficient Persons in each Township or District, (being Freeholders of the same) within this Province, who shall within Ten Days after their Appointment give public Notice, of at least eight Days of such Time and Times as they may appoint, in every such Town or District for making the