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An Act For the appointment of certain Officers
Be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary of this
Province by and with the consent of the upper &
lower house of this present Assembly that the
Justices of Peace in every County at the first County
Court held after Michaelmas shall nominate
and appoint some Inhabitants in every hun-
dred or Constabery not being of the Council or by
his Office or Employment otherwise privileged
to be Constable of that hundred or Constabery who
shall execute all precepts and Warrants to him
directed And shall in all things have the like
power within the said hundred or Constabery as
any Constable hath or ought to have in a Consta-
bery in England by the laws or customs of Eng^l
The said Constable shall take oathe in manner
and forme following Viz

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You shall swear that you shall well and truly
serve his Lordships in the office of Constable you
shall see and cause that his Lordships peace be
well and duely kept according to the power you
shall arrest all such persons as in your presence
shall committ or make any riot or other breach
of his Lordships peace you shall do your best
endeavour upon complaint to you made to ap-
prehend all Felons Barretors Rioters or persons
Ryottously assembled And if any such offender
shall make any such resistance with force you
shall levy hue and cry and shall pursue them
untill they be taken you shall do your best
endeavour hue and cry be duely raised and
pursued against Murtherers thieves and other
Felons and Fugitive Servants and that the
laws and orders against Vagabones and such
other idle persons coming within Your limits
be duely put in Execution at Your County Courts
you shall present all offences done against the
severall acts made for the suppressing of Drunkenness
and also true presentment make of all bloodshed
affayes