

To prevent danger by the French.

their Hands unto the respective Sheriffs or Marshals by them to be returned into the Secretaries Office, One Day at the least before the Time prefixed for the said Court or Assemblies Sitting.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Representatives Assembled in any Great and General Court, shall be the sole Judges of the Elections and Qualifications of their Own Members; and may from time to time settle, order and purge their House, and make such necessary Orders for the due Regulation thereof, as they shall see occasion. And Forty Representatives at any time so Assembled, shall be accounted a Number Sufficient to Constitute a House, Pass Bills, and to transact and do any Business proper to be done in that House; and such Acts to be esteemed valid and of effect.

House of Representatives Judges of Elections, &c.
40 Representatives constitute a House.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Town respectively shall pay unto their severall Representatives, during their Attendance on the Court, and for the necessary time expended in their Journeying to and from thence; Three Shillings in Money per Diem, within one Month next after the end of each Session commencing from His Excellencies Arrival.

Representatives Allowance, enlarg'd
13 A. ca. 2.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every person Chosen to Serve for, and Represent any Town in the General Assembly, and accepting thereof, shall give his constant Attendance, during their Sessions, on pain of Forfeiting the Sum of Five Shillings per Diem for his neglect; (without just Excuse made and allowed of by the House of Representatives) to be paid unto the Clerk of the said House, and is to be disposed of and employed as the House shall direct; and in default of Payment, to be Levied by Distress upon such Delinquents Goods, by Warrant from the said Clerk, by Order of the House, directed to the Sheriff of the County, his Under-Sheriff or Deputy, or Constable of the Town where such Representative dwells: And no Representative shall depart or absent himself from the General Assembly, until the same be fully Finished, Adjourned or Prorogued; without the Licence of the Speaker and Representatives Assembled, to be entred upon Record in the Clerks Book, on pain to every one so departing or absenting himself in any other manner, to lose his Wages. And the Inhabitants of such Town for which he Serves, shall be clearly Discharged of the said Wages against such person, and his Executors for ever.

Penalty for Non attendance.

5 W. & M. ca. 15.

Not to depart without leave of the Speaker and the House.

And further it is Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Member of the General Assembly, or his Servant during the time of their Sessions, or going to and from thence shall be Arrested, Sued, Imprisoned, or any ways Molested or Troubled, or compelled to make Answer to any Suit, Bill, Plaint or Declaration, or otherwise: Cases of High-Treason and Felony excepted.

No Representative or his Servant to be Arrested, &c. during the Session.
3 A. ca. 3.

C H A P. XX.

An Act for the preventing of Danger by the French Residing within this Province.

THESE having been frequent Complaints made to this Court, That although several French Protestants who lately fled from Persecution; came Oversea into this Province, and were Charitably Entertained and Succoured here; yet since that, many of a contrary Religion and Interest have been brought hither; and Others have Obtruded themselves; which (especially in this Time of War, between the Two Crowns of England and France) proves a grievous Inconvenience; and the Publick Safety is endangered by suffering such a mixt Company among us.

Preamble.

For Remedy whereof:

It is Enacted and Ordained by the Governour, Council and Representatives, Convened in General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Second Day