

County six hundred pounds of Tobacco w^{ch} said severall and Respective Sums of Tobacco shall be annually allowed and paid to the sherriffs af^d in Consideration whereof the sherriffs of the said severall and Respective Countys shall defray all such Charges as shall accrue by reason of Conveying such Letters or Pacquetts any former Law usage or Custome to the Contrary notwithstanding. And be it further Enacted by the authority af^d that any Sherr under Sherriffe or Deputy that shall neglect or delay the Speedy Conveying of any such Letters or Pacquetts shall forfeit and pay for Every such offence the sum of two thousand pounds of Tobacco one half to the Informer or him or them that will sue for the same and the other half to be Employed for the Defraying the County Charge where any such neglect shall happen to be Recovered in any of her Maj^{ty}s Courts of Record within this province by action of Debt wherein no Essoyne protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed. And be it further Enacted by the authority af^d that such publick Letters & Pacquetts be Endorsed for her Maj^{ty}s Service and wth the persons name that send them & if any person or persons whatsoever shall at any time after the publication of this Act presume to Endorse any Letter or Letters Pacquett or pacquetts so as af^d w^{ch} are not for the publick service he or they shall forfeit and pay for such offence five hundred pounds of tobacco to be recovered in manner af^d And the better to ascertain what Letters shall be accounted Publick Letters.

Be it Enacted by the authority advice and Consent af^d that all Publick Letters directed to the Governour of this province for the time being Endorsed for Maj^{ty}s Service and all Letters sent by the Governour haveing his or the Clerk of the Councill's name Endorsed, and for her Maj^{ty}s Service directed to any person whatsoever and all Letters sent by any member of her Maj^{ty}s Councill wth the subscribers name Endorsed and for her Maj^{ty}s service all Letters sent by a Justice of the Prov^l Court with the Subscribers name Endorsed and for her Maj^{ty}s Service and all Letters sent by the publick Treasurer's of Each shore to any Navall officer with the subscribers name Endorsed, and for her Maj^{ty}s Service shall be accounted only Publick Letters this act to Endure for three yeares and to the End of the session of Assembly which shall first Happen after the End of the three yeares. And be it further Enacted that one Act of Assembly of this province made at a Generall Assembly held at the Port and Town of Annapolis the twenty sixth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and foure Entituled an Act for the more Speedy Conveying of Publick Letters and Pacquetts of this province and Defraying the Charge thereof and Every Article matter or Clause and

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