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And to the said Accounts when stated as aforesaid shall make Oath that neither directly nor indirectly by himselfe or any other to his use hath he alienated converted made use or disposed of any Fees by him Collected but that he hath realy and bona fide accounted for all such Sum or Sum̄s of Tobacco as by him has been Collected belonging to such officer or officers as aforesaid & for asmuch as the Sheriffs Bonds have of late yeares been usualley taken in the County Courts for the better conveniency of Sheriffs getting Security without any certain forme thereof prescribed from whence arises many inconvenyences as well to the publick Creditors as to the Officer and others with such Sheriff concerned

Bee it therefore likewise further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all the Sheriffs bonds hereafter be [sic] taken throughout this Province shall be made in manner and form following, viz.

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Know all men by these presents that wee A. B. C. D. & E F of the County of G. in the Province aforesaid Gent<sup>m</sup> are holden & firmly bound unto his Sacred Maj<sup>ty</sup> King William The Third in the full sum̄ & just quantity of 200 000<sup>lbs</sup> of good sound & Merchandable Leaf Tobacco & Cask to be paid unto his said Maj<sup>ty</sup> his Heires & Successo<sup>rs</sup> to the w<sup>ch</sup> payment well and truly to be made wee binde our selves & Either of us our and Every & Either of o<sup>r</sup> Heires Execut<sup>rs</sup> & Administrat<sup>rs</sup> Joyntly & Severally for the whole & in the whole firmly by these presents as Witness o<sup>r</sup> hands & Seales the day of the year of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Reign Anno Dom̄.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden A. B. doe well and truly serve his said Maj<sup>ty</sup> his Heirs & Success<sup>rs</sup> in the Office of high Sheriff of the said County of G. within this Province aforesaid & also shall render unto his said Maj<sup>ty</sup> & others his Officers a true faithfull & perfect account of all and singuler his said matters rights and dues & to his Officers a just and true account of their fees that he shall or may be intrusted with by his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Govern<sup>r</sup> & other his Officers within this Province aforesaid to receive and collect & his accounts to his said Maj<sup>ty</sup> his heires and Success<sup>rs</sup> or to his or their Govern<sup>r</sup> here for the time being for the fines forfeitures & other dues belonging to his said Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Govern<sup>r</sup> as also his account of all fees dues or Sum̄s of mony or Tobacco for Leveys or Fees due to any of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Officers and other good people within this Province shall pass and account for by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aprill next ensueing the date hereof and in all other things as Sheriff of the said County of G shall behave himselfe well and honestly to all persons accord [sic] to the best of his power skill and knowledge then this obligation to be voyd and of none effect or Elce to stand in full force strength and vertue &c.