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XII.

The Constable of the Hundred shall have his Fee, tho' others serve gratis.

IV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Warrants issued by any Justice of Peace for the Recovery of small Debts, shall be directed to some Constable of a Hundred, appointed by the Court, unless (at the request of such Suitor) it be directed to some Friend who will serve it gratis: Such Suitor nevertheless being hereby made liable to pay the Constable of the Hundred, where such Warrant is served, his just Fee.

Sheriffs to return Lists of Taxables to the Secretary's Office by the 20th Sept.

V. And be it further Enacted, That the Sheriff of each respective County, is hereby obliged to return a true and fair Copy of the List of Taxables in his County, under his own Hand, yearly, into the Secretary's Office, by the Twentieth Day of September, on Pain of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every Neglect; to be forfeited as aforesaid, to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Constables to send their Lists to the Sheriff by the 1st of August.

VI. And the better to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties to return Copies of the List of Taxables in each County as aforesaid; Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several Constables of the several and respective Hundreds, in the several Counties, are hereby required to send a Copy of their Lists of Taxables to the Sheriff of their County, at or before the First Day of August, after the taking of such List.

Single Persons shall procure some House-keeper to be answerable for their Levy, or may be committed.

VII. And whereas, it is found by Experience, that there are many single Persons, (who are Free-men,) within this Province, who have not any settled Place of Residence, but make their Abode at such Places where they are employed, and such Employers refuse to give them in as Taxables, they not being constant Residents in their Families, by which Means they frequently escape paying any Tax at all; Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Constable of any Hundred, in any of the Counties within this Province, upon finding any such single Person or Free-man in their respective Hundreds, who cannot procure some House-keeper within such Hundred to give him in as a Taxable, nor make appear that he is a Resident, or taken as a Taxable in some other Hundred or County, to carry such Person or Free-men before the next Justice of the Peace for such County, who is hereby impowered and required to commit such Person, or Free-man, into the Sheriff's Custody, until he shall procure some House-keeper to return him as a Taxable, and be answerable for his Levy.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
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C H A P. XIII.

Passed 6th
June 1719.

An Act for Relief of John Beale of Charles County, Gent. and Richard Beale, a Minor. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 440. DISSENT.

His Lordship's Dissent communicated to the Lower House by Message, the 21st April, 1720.

C H A P. XIV.

Ditto.

An ACT for the Application of such Intestate's Estates as leave no legal Representatives; and for enforcing Proceedings against temerary Administrators. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 443.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that Persons who are possessors of considerable Personal Estates die Intestate, leaving no known Relations, or Representatives, legally entitled to the Residue thereof, in which Cases, 'tis observed, some Creditor, or pretended Creditor of such Deceased, most commonly obtains the Administration of his Goods and Chattels, and thereby becomes legally possess'd thereof, by virtue whereof he not only satisfies himself, but all other Creditors their just Claims, but likewise retains in his Hands the total Residue of such Estate, and converts the same to his own Use, on Pretence of securing himself against such latent Debts