

III. *An. 6. W. & M. 1694. p. 29.* The Act formerly made the 27th day of *March 1671*, entituled *An Act for quieting Possessions*, shall be in full Force and Vertue until the 13th of *April, 1674*, and not longer.

Sheriffs Office.

I. *An. 11. W. 3. 1699. p. 75* Where any Merchant, or others, have within 12 months last past, or for the future shall receive, mark and nail any Hogshead of Tobacco of any Debtor within this Province, which hath been paid and delivered to them for satisfaction of Debts, and the said Creditors have thereupon delivered up their Bills or Securities, or given discharges, but before the said Creditors could remove the said Tobacco from the Debtors Tobacco-houses, if the Sheriff seize such Tobacco so markt and nail'd as aforesaid, in such case, if the Debtor refuse to give his Creditor some other full Satisfaction for the said Debt, any 2 Justices of Peace of the respective County, may upon due Proof thereof, award the Creditor Execution; with Cost (such Cost not exceeding 100 *l.* of Tobacco) against the Body, Goods and Chattels of such Debtor, to be executed by the Sheriff, in as full and ample manner, as if the Debt was recovered by due course of Law.

II. No Sheriff or Deputy shall seize any Tobacco unstript, or any Merchants or others Tobacco received, markt and nail'd as aforesaid, for any cause whatsoever but only for levies, in which case the Sheriffs may break the Lock of any Tobacco-house or other Houses. And the Sheriff so seizing any Hogshead containing more than what is justly due to the Publick for levies, without making satisfaction to the Party, or suffering him to take the Overplus out of such Hogshead, shall pay for every such default the sum of 2000 *l.* of Tobacco, one half to the King, the other to the Party grieved.

III. If any Sheriff shall seize any Hogshead of Tobacco, which shall weigh more than such Levy shall amount to, if the remaining or overplus part be the greater quantity, then the Sheriff shall take out of the Hogshead what is due to him for the levy, and leave the rest and the Hogshead to the Party paying the same; but if the remaining part be the less, the Party shall take that
out.