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XI.
Penalty on
Sheriff's not
giving speedy
Notice of E-
lections, or
making un-
due Election
or Return
thereof, &c.

well by Proclamation as aforesaid, and by causing the same to be Read in all Churches, Chapels, and other Public Places within his said County, as also by Notes thereof set up at such Places, thereby the better to inform the Inhabitants of the County, requiring them, under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to appear at such Time and Place appointed for Election, or shall make or cause to be made, any undue or illegal Election or Returns thereof, or neglect to make Returns of the Delegates so to be elected, by Indenture, before the Day of Sitting of such Assembly, pursuant to the Direction of the said Writs, shall for every such Fault be fined at the Discretion of the Lower House of Assembly next Sitting after such Election, not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, one Half to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors for the Support of Government, and the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province that may have Jurisdiction of the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Penalty on
Free-holders
neglecting to
appear at the
Time and
Place of Elec-
tion.

VII. **And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Free-holders, Free-men, and other Persons qualified to give Votes in the Election of Delegates, shall and are hereby obliged to be and appear at the Time and Place appointed for Elections, to be hereafter had or made of any Delegates, Burgesses and Citizens, to serve in any Assembly for this Province, under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for every Person so qualified as aforesaid, neglecting to appear; one Half thereof to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, for and towards the County Charge, and the other Half to the Informer that shall complain to any one or more Justices or Magistrates, of such Absence; which Justice or Justices, or other Magistrates, are hereby empowered to determine such Complaint, and award Execution for the said Penalty; unless such Person or Persons shall at the next County Court after such Election, shew sufficient Cause for his or their Absence, to be allowed and approved of by the Justices of the several County Courts in this Province.

The like Writ
(on calling
every General
Assembly,)
shall issue to
every County,
City or Bo-
rough hereaf-
ter to be erec-
ted, &c.

Four Dele-
gates for each
County, and
two for each
City or Bo-
rough, to be
deemed Mem-
bers of the
Lower House.

VIII. **Provided nevertheless**, That this Act or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to be construed to exclude any County or Counties, City or Cities, Borough or Boroughs hereafter to be erected and made within this Province, from the Liberty of such Elections of Burgesses, Delegates and Representatives, as is before expressed; but that such Writ as aforesaid, shall, upon calling every General Assembly of this Province for the future, be directed to the Sheriff of every such County, City or Borough, when the same shall be erected and made into a County, City or Borough, as aforesaid, and to the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, of every such City or Borough, commanding such Sheriff or Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen, to cause Four Free-men of the said County, and Two Free-men of the said City or Borough, qualified as in the aforesaid Writ is expressed, to serve as Delegates and Representatives of the same County, City or Borough, in the General Assembly next ensuing; which said Four Delegates for every such County, and Two for the City or Borough, shall from thenceforth be reputed and deemed to be Members of the Lower House of the General Assembly of this Province; any Thing in this Act in any wise to the contrary notwithstanding.

Allowance to
Councillors
150 lb To-
bacco per Di-
em.

IX. **And for the ascertaining, limiting and allowing unto the several and respective Councillors, Deputies and Delegates, that serve, or shall serve in the General Assemblies of this Province, and of the several and respective Commissioners of the Provincial and County Courts of this Province, such Sum and Sums of Tobacco as is hereby thought necessary and sufficient for their defraying their Charges, in attending such Assemblies and Courts, Be it Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all such Councillors be allowed the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds