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An Act of Direction for the Sheriff's Office in this  
provinces and for his more easy payment of the publick &  
County Taxes.

Be it enacted by our Queens most excellent Majesty by and  
with the advice and consent of her Majesty's Council and  
assemblie of this province and the authority of the same That no  
Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff shall seize any Tobacco unsteeped  
or steeped in water, nor merchants or others Tobacco received, marked  
and nailed for any cause whatsoever but only for Taxes. And the Sheriffs  
shall be and hereby are hereby empowered to break the lock of any Tobacco  
house or other houses where Tobacco is or shall be secured with design  
to prevent the said Sheriff from seizing such Tobacco for publick Taxes  
And any Sheriff seizing or marking any hoghead or hogheads of  
Tobacco containing more than what is justly due to the publick for  
Taxes without making satisfaction to the person to whom such Tobacco  
doth belong as by giving Credit or suffering him to take the Overplus  
out of such hoghead of Tobacco at the choice of the party paying  
the same shall pay for every such Default the sum of two thousand pounds  
of Tobacco one half to her Majesty her heirs and Successors for support of  
Government the other half to the party grieved to be recovered in any Court  
of Record of this province by Action of Debt Bill plaint or Information  
wherein no Effort protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

AND if it shall so happen that at any time any Sheriff shall  
seize any hoghead of Tobacco which shall weigh more than such Tax  
or Taxes shall amount unto if the remaining part due to the party or parties  
from whom they shall receive such Tax or Taxes be the greater quantity  
then and in every such case the Sheriff or Sheriffs shall take out of the said  
hoghead such quantity or quantities of Tobacco due to him or such  
Tax or Taxes and the said hoghead and the remaining part of the  
Tobacco shall be and remain with the party or parties paying the same.  
But if the remaining part of such hoghead of Tobacco be  
sufficient and belonging to the party or parties paying the same shall

This Act received  
in April 1707 and  
continued for 3 years  
Redivided again the  
4 Nov. 1710 and  
continued for 3 years  
A Sheriff made the  
27 day of Oct. 1713  
without limitation