

County fourteen hundred pounds of Tobacco who is hereby also obliged
to convey all such Letters and Pacquets as are directed to the City of Annapolis
to the said City to the Sheriff of Cecil County one thousand pounds of Tobacco
who is also obliged to convey all such Letters and Pacquets as are directed
to the northward, to the town of new Castle upon D. Taware, to the
Sheriff of Talbot County eight hundred pounds of Tobacco to the Sheriff of Kent
County six hundred pounds of Tobacco, to the Sheriff of Dorchester County six
hundred pounds of Tobacco, and to the Sheriff of Somerset County six hundred
pounds of Tobacco, to the Sheriff of Calvert County eight hundred pounds of
Tobacco, to the Sheriff of Charles County eight hundred pounds of Tobacco
to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County six hundred pounds of Tobacco and to the
Sheriff of Baltimore County six hundred pounds of Tobacco. Said
severall and respective Sums of Tobacco shall be annually allowed and
paid to the Sheriff aforesaid in consideration whereof the Sheriff of aforesaid
severall and respective Counties shall defray all such Charges as shall accrue
by reason of conveying such Letters or Pacquets any former Law, Usage or
Custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And be it further
Enacted by the authority aforesaid that any Sheriff under Sheriff or Deputy
that shall neglect or delay the speedy Conveying of any such Letters or Pacquets
shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the Sum of two thousand pound,
of Tobacco one half to the Informer or him or them that will sue for the same
and the other half to be employed for the Defraying the County Charge where
any such Neglect shall happen to be Recovered in any of her Majesty's Courts
of Record within this province by action of Debt whereupon no Expence
of Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed. And be it further
Enacted by the authority aforesaid that such publick Letters and Pacquets be
Endorsed for her Majesty's Service and with the persons name that send them
if any person or persons whatsoever shall at any time after the publication
of this act presume to endorse any Letter or Letters Pacquet or Pacquets
so as aforesaid are not for the publick Service he or they shall forfeit and pay
for such offence five hundred pounds of Tobacco to be recovered in manner
aforesaid and the better to ascertain what Letters shall be accounted publick Letters
Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid and Consent aforesaid that all publick
Letters directed to the Governour of this province for the time being Endorsed
for her Majesty's Service and all Letters sent by the Governour having his or his
Clerk of the Council's name Endorsed, and for her Majesty's Service directed
to any person whatsoever and all Letters sent by any member of her
Majesty's Council with the subscribers name Endorsed and for her Majesty's Service
all Letters sent by a Justice of the peace Court with the subscribers name
Endorsed and for her Majesty's Service, and all Letters sent by the publick
Treasurers of each shire to any Naval officer with the subscribers name
Endorsed, and for her Majesty's Service shall be accounted only publick Letters
this act to endure for three years, and to the end of the session of a Assembly
which shall first happen after the end of the three years. And be it
further Enacted that one act of Assembly of this province made at a Generall
Assembly hold at the Port and Town of Annapolis the twentieth day of
April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fourth
Entituled an act for the more speedy Conveying of publick Letters and
Pacquets of this province and Defraying the Charge thereof and every
(Article)