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An Act for Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from sundry Aggrievances they lie under occasioned by the Scarcity of Tobacco within this Province in the year Seventeen hundred & Twenty four.

Forasmuch as the Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun and holden at the City of Annapolis on the Sixth day of October Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Twenty four intituled an Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Difficulties they may lie under in paying their Loans and other just Debts this year has not sufficiently relieved many People within this Province from the Hardships they labour under for want of Tobacco to pay Loans and Officers fees but many of them obliged to pass Obligations to the several Sheriffs within this Province for much larger Sums of money than ever the Legislature intended they should be obliged to pay for such Debts which will be the utter Ruin of many families if not timely prevented Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that it shall not be lawful for any Person to commence any Action or Suit whatsoever upon any Obligation Note Bill or other Writing which hath been given or passed this present year for the payment of any Sum or Sums of money for any Tobacco due to any Attorney Sheriff or other Officer for Loans or fees which have arisen or become due since the Twenty fifth day of December Seventeen hundred and Twenty two but such Obligations shall be deemed taken and held to be void and both Debtors and Creditors in the same State they would have been in if such Obligations bills or other writing had not been made or passed, and that it shall not be lawful for any person to take demand sue for or recover for any Tobacco which hath arisen or become due since the time aforesaid for Loans or Attorney or other Officers fees any more than the principal debt with right prout for the Interest and Damage for the Nonpayment thereof any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding And be it further

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