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the Said Comi<sup>ts</sup> are hereby impowered to appoynt Overseers Leavy Tobacco or Labor Equally to be Essessed vpon the Taxables of each Respective County to Carry on the said worke to be begunn or to Repaire the High waies already begunn or made

Provided that this Act shall not be to the Apparent damage of any pticular pson by making or marking any High way or path through his yard Garden Orchard or Cornefeild & vpon neglect of the said Comission<sup>r</sup> for appointing Overseers & pviding Laborers for the p<sup>r</sup>formance of the Said worke they shal be ffined fflower Thowsand pounds of Tobacco in Cask & Every Overseer Soe appointed by the Com<sup>ts</sup> who shall Refuse or neglect the p<sup>r</sup>formance of his duty in his Charge shall be ffined Two Thousand pounds of Casked Tobacco & Every Laborer who shall Refuse or neglect his Labor shall be ffined one Thousand pounds of Casked Tobacco the one halfe of those ffines to the Lord Proprietary and the other halfe to the informer or him or them th<sup>t</sup> shall Sue for the Same ffine or ffines to be Recovered in any Co<sup>ts</sup> of Record w<sup>th</sup>in this Province by Bill Plaint or otherwise wherein noe Essoyne Proteccōn or wager of Law to bee allowed This Act to continue for Three yeares or to the End of the next Gene<sup>ll</sup> Assembly w<sup>ch</sup> shall ffirst happen

#### An Act for Paym<sup>t</sup> of money debts with Tobacco

Whereas it is manifest by dayly Experience that the Inhabitants of this Province are Constrayned & doe dayly Contract for debts payable in money and the Scarcity of money in this Province being such th<sup>t</sup> it is not possible for the Inhabitants to make paym<sup>t</sup>. in kind whereby the Credito<sup>rs</sup> taking advantage of the Same doe Compell the Inhabitants to w<sup>t</sup> Composition & they please to the great damage & Sometimes to the vtter Ruine of the debtor Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by & with the Advice & Consent of the vpper & Lower house of this p<sup>r</sup>sent Gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly and the Authority of the Same That all & Every pson and psons whatsoever within this Province that have heretofore or shall hereafter Contract any debts payable in money itt shall & may be Lawfull to & for the pson or psons soe Contracting for the Same to satisfie his Credit<sup>r</sup> or Credito<sup>rs</sup> for the same in Tobacco att the Rate of Three halfe pence sterling by the pound of Tobacco

And it is Likewisc ffurther by the Authority aforesaid ordeyned & Enacted th<sup>t</sup> the Cred<sup>r</sup> shall be bound Soe to accept the Same vnd<sup>r</sup> the Penaltie th<sup>t</sup> hee or they th<sup>t</sup> shall Refuse