

the Oaths of two sufficient witnesses shall not only loose and forfeite for every offence as aforesaid the sume of two thousand pounds of tobacco one halfe thereof to the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> and the other halfe to the pty greived to be recovered in any of the Courts of this Province by bill plaint or Informacōn but shall also be excluded from being an Attorney Councill or Sollicitor in any of the Courts of this Province forever hereafter Provided that this act nor any thing therein conteyned be not construed Judged or taken to debarr any person or persons p<sup>ts</sup> or def<sup>ts</sup> att the tryall or hearing of their cause or causes to speak for themselves if they so desire it, this Act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

An Act appointing sheriffes to take Bayle.

Whereas it hath bene observed that some sheriffes for want of taking sufficient bayle of certaine psons arrested those psons soe arrested and not putting in good Bayle either neglect to make their appearance in pson or by their Attorney in Court as they ought to doe or else they doe convey themselves out of the pvince before the accōn comēced come to be tryed to the great damage of the plt<sup>s</sup> in such accōns and whereas severall psons defd<sup>s</sup> being soe arrested and having put in sufficient Bayle not only to appeare but also to abide Judgement according to an Act of Assembly in that case made and Provided have been compelled to make their appearance in person to the Pro<sup>all</sup> Court and there have been constrained to put in spetiall bayle or to lye in person in the sheriffs of S<sup>t</sup> Maries Countys custody in which County many minds they are strangers and cannot pcure bayle as they might in the Counties where they dwell and to the end the severall sheriffs may be the better directed and ascertained what bayle to take to every such accōn hereafter to be brought Bee it enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> by and with the advice and consent of the Upper and Lower houses of this psent Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that noe Clk<sup>s</sup> of the Pro<sup>all</sup> or County Court within this Province shall suffer any writ or writs to issue out of their severall courts before such time as the Plt<sup>f</sup> in such accōn doe stile his declaracōn or peticōn with such Othe a copy of which declaracōn or peticōn under the Clk<sup>s</sup> hand is with the said writ to be sent to the sheriffs before he shall be obliged to arrest the Party defendant and then the sheriffe is to deliver the said copy to the party arrested and shall take sufficient bayle of all parties so arrested not only to appear in the severall courts to which hee is arrested