

Lib. R. may be cast upon us, and to make knowne that we doe not tolerate uphold or justify the said Sheriffes in such their insolencies and absurdities I Doe hereby by and with the advice and consent of his L<sup>opps</sup>: Councell pronounce and Declare that such illegall proceedings have noe waies been willfully Suffered or connived at by my self and his Lopps Councell or any of us but have been acted contrary to mine or their knowledge not haveing been truly informed of the same otherwise should have taken timely care to prevent the progress thereof Desireing and Endeavouring nothing more then to maintain and uphold the peace and quiett of the Province and to keepe and preserve the Inhabitants from all and all manner of Oppression w<sup>soever</sup>. Wherefore if any persons have been aggrieved in the p<sup>r</sup>misses I Doe by and w<sup>th</sup> the advice and consent aforesaid publish and Declare that both my Self and his Lpps: Councell will be ready and willing at all times to heare & receive any Complaints that shall be putt in to us, and Doe Desire all persons concerned that have at any time been wronged or abused by the Sheriff or other publick Officer that they would exhibitt their information to the Justices of the Provinciaall Court or to his L<sup>opps</sup> Atto<sup>r</sup>ney Gen<sup>l</sup> to the End such course may be taken for their redress and for prevention of the like for the future as may be needfull and as to right & justice belongeth. And further Whereas it has been the vsuall Custom and practice of the sev<sup>l</sup> Sheriffes of this Province to exact & extort the same ffees for Execution of a writt of cap: ad Satisfac: as for an Extent or fieri fac: contrary to all right and good reason, I Doe by and with the advice & consent aforesaid pronounce Declare & make knowne that such ffees are not allowable and therefore not to be Demanded or taken by any Sheriff within this Province But Doe hereby will and require as also strictly charge and command all and singular the Sheriffes of this Province to take Due cognizance p. 51 hereof, and that they Doe not p<sup>r</sup>sume to Demand ask or receive any other or greater fee for a writt of cap, ad Satisfac: more then his just and Legall fee for serving the same and for release, together with 20<sup>l</sup> tob<sup>o</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Diem imprisonm<sup>t</sup> soe long as the p<sup>r</sup>ty shall actually remaine in Custody and noe more as they will answer the contrary at their utmost perill. And further whereas severall Sheriffes have exacted and extorted from severall Inhabitants of this Province an Exorbitant fee of One hundred and Tenn pounds of tob<sup>o</sup> for serving a Citation from the Chancelo<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup>tending that the same not belonging to the Sheriffes Office, the Sheriff serving the same ought to have an extraordinary fee w<sup>ch</sup> is altogether unreasonable & highly burthensome to the Inhabitants. Now to prevent the like for the future I Doe hereby by & with the advice and