

remedy for recovery of their s<sup>d</sup> Debt againe to the great discouragement of Trade and the prejudice of Such Creditors for prevention whereof for the future the Delegates of this present Generall Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted, and Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma'y by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same That any person or persons whatsoever Merchants or others within this Province that have at any time within Twelve months Last Past received marked or Nailed or for the future shall receive Mark or Naile any hh<sup>d</sup> or hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tobb<sup>o</sup> within this Province of any person or persons Debt<sup>s</sup> within the Same and which hath been paid & Deliv<sup>r</sup>ed to them for Satisfaction of their said Debts and Such Merch<sup>ts</sup> or others have upon receipt marking and Nailing such hh<sup>d</sup> or hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tobbacco delivered up their Bills or other Security to their respective Debtors of their said Debts or if the said Merchants or others have given releases or discharges to their said Debtors of the said Debt and that before the s<sup>d</sup> Merchants or others Could remove the said hhd or hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tobbacco from the said Debtors Tobbacco houses if any Sherriffe shall Come and Seize such Tobbacco so marked and Nailed as afo<sup>r</sup> That then and in every such Case if the party refuse to make and give the said Creditors some other full Satisfaction for their s<sup>d</sup> Debts it shall and may be Lawfull for any two of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Justices of the respective Counties within this Province upon due prooff thereof made before them of the said Debt and Sherriffs Seizure as aforesaid and the party Debtor refusing to make that full Satisfaction to their Creditors for their said Debts att the said Creditors request to award him Execution with Cost such Cost not Exceeding one hundred pounds of Tobbacco against the body Goods and Chattels of Such Debtor to be Executed by the Sherriffe for Satisfaction of the Creditors Just Debt & Cost as aforesaid in as full and ample ma<sup>n</sup>er as if the Debt was recovered by due Course of Law And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That no Sherriffe under Sherriffe or Deputy that Seize any Tobbacco unstrip nor Seize or Mark any Merchant or other Tobbacco received Marked and Nailed as aforesaid for any Cause whatsoever but onely for legacys & the Severall Sherriffs are hereby Impowered to break the lock of any Tobbacco house or other houses where Tobbacco is or shall be Secured with designe to prevent the said Sherriffe from Seizing Such Tobbacco for publick Leavys and many Sherriffs so Seizing and Marking any hh<sup>d</sup> or hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tobbacco Containing more then what is Justly due to the Publick for leavys without making Satisfaction to the Person whom such Tobbacco doth belong as by giveing Credit or Suffering him to take the overplus out of such hhd of

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