

Maryland Octob. 3^d 1704

On behalf of her Majesty &c I will this be a Law

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p. 118 An Act for the more Speedy Conveying of Publiq Letters and Pacquetts of this Province and Defraying the Charge thereof.

Forasmuch as severall of the Inhabitants of this Province have been formerly Subject to great and Manifest Inconveniencys by reason of pressing of Horses under pretext of Carrying and Conveying of Publiq Letters and Pacquetts for prevention whereof and that due Care may be taken for the future that all Publiq Letters and Pacquetts relating to her Majesty or the Publiq Service of this Province be securely and expeditiously Conveyed according to their Directions the Delegates of this Present Generall Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted and

Be it enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same. That the Sheriff of each respective County is hereby injoyn'd and Commanded to take care of all publiq Letters and Pacquetts and expeditiously to convey them according to their Directions to the next Sheriff or Undersheriff of the Adjacent County. And for the Encouragement of the Severall and respective Sheriffs and their Diligence in their Conveying such Publiq Letters and Pacquetts That they may be allowed the severall Summs hereafter exprest to be laid in the publiq Levy of this Province viz. To the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County—fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco who is hereby obliged to Convey all such Letters and pacquetts as are directed and must go over to the Eastern Shore to Kent Island and there to be Delivered to the Sheriff of Talbot County or his Deputy To the Sheriff of Talbot County fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco who is hereby also obliged to Convey all such Letters and Pacquetts as are directed to the Port of Annapolis to the said port To the Sheriff of Kent County eight hundred pounds of Tobacco who is also hereby obliged to Convey all such Letters and Pacquetts as are directed to the Port of Annapolis to Kent Island and deliver them to the Sheriff or

p. 119 Undersheriff of Talbot County Except he convey them a more ready and expeditious Way to Annapolis who is also hereby obliged to Convey all such Letters and Pacquetts to the Port of Annapolis as aforesaid To the Sheriff of Cecill County one thousand pounds of Tobacco who is allso Obligated to convey all such Letters and Pacquetts as are directed to the North