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Province from Severall of the Inhabitants of this province And tho: the Laws of this Province have inflicted a severe penalty upon any Officer that shall Charge and receive more than his due fees Yet the said Officers have most cunningly and craftily evaded the said Laws by taking bills or writings obligatory without ever delivering any Account Sign'd under their hands as the Law directs so that the party greived cannot Sufficiently prove the said Extortion and so is left without remedy, for Prevention whereof

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that no Sheriff Subsheriff or Deputy Comissary within this Province after the publication of this Act in their severall and respective Countys wherein they dwell shall take any Bond bill or any other writing obligatory of any person or persons upon any pretence whatsoever without endorsing the Account on the back of the said bond bill or writing obligatory for which the same was pass'd And if any Sheriff Subsheriff or Deputy Comissary within this Province shall during the time that he remains in his place or Office upon any pretence whatsoever take any bond bill or Writing obligatory without endorsing the Account on the back of the said bond bill or writing Obligatory as aforesaid by which it may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken the said bill bond or
p. 143 writing obligatory shall be void and of no Effect And the Officer and Officers that took the same shall loose his Debt and forever be debarr'd of suing another Action for the recovery of the same any Law Statute or Usage to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And that whereas the said Officers are prohibited from taking bills upon any pretence whatsoever during the time they remain in Office to the Intent the said Officers may receive no damage by the Act of Assembly for Limitation of Accons.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the time the said Officers remaine in Office shall not be reckon'd or Accounted in the Act of Limitation. And that whereas it hath been the practice of severall Sheriffs of this province where a person hath been in prison at the suite of two or three severall persons or hath lain for the satisfaction of two or more severall Judgments for the Sheriff to Charge twenty per Day for each Accon or Judgment, for prevention whereof

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Sheriff after the publication of this Act shall exact and take any more than twenty pounds of Tobacco per Day of any prisoner tho: he lyes for the Satisfaction of severall Judgments he shall be