

Lib. L. L. No. 64. And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that the Minister Pastor or Magistrate by vertue of this Act is impowered to ask Demand and receive from the partys so marryed or Joynd together the Summe of one hundred pounds of Tobacco and no more.

September 20 <sup>th</sup> 1704	Septemb <sup>r</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 1704
Read and Assented to by the house of Dell. W Taylard Clk hD.	Read and Assented to by her Ma <sup>ty</sup> s hon <sup>ble</sup> Council. W Bladen Cl Concl.

Maryland October 3<sup>d</sup> 1704.

On the behalf of her Ma<sup>ty</sup> &c. I will this be a Law  
Jo: Seymour

An Act ascertaining what Damages shall be allowed upon  
protested bills of Exchange.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and  
p. 165 with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governo<sup>r</sup> Council  
and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the  
same that there shall not be allowed to any person or persons  
whatsoever having Just Cause to implead any person or persons  
whatsoever living or residing within this Province upon  
any bill of Exchange drawn for any Sum or Sums of Mony  
whatsoever payable in England or elsewhere and brought in  
here protested more than the Sum of twenty pounds per Cent.  
Damages over and above the Debt sued for and recovered  
together with ordinary Costs of Suite Any Law Statute Usage  
or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if  
any person or persons draw any bill of Exchange upon any  
Person or Persons or Society and Company in England or  
elsewhere out of this Province And the same be protested and  
the Protested bills be return'd into this Province within four  
Years after the date of Such bills That then the Debt occasion'd  
by the non acceptance or nonpayment of such bills shall be  
accounted a Debt of equall Nature with any Specialty And in  
payment of Debts by Executors or Administrators be preferr'd  
before any other Debt which is not under hand and Seale such  
executor or Admin<sup>r</sup> having timely Notice of such protested  
bills of Exchange Any Usage or Custom to the Contrary not-  
withstanding.