

Bacon. to be paid them likewise out of the Public Levy of this Province as aforesaid. And the several Commissioners of the County Courts shall be allowed, for the defraying their Expences, during the Time they shall sit and attend such Court as aforesaid, the Sum of Eighty Pounds of Tobacco per Day, and no more, which Sum of Eighty Pounds of Tobacco as aforesaid, the Commissioners of the County Courts are hereby impowered to assess and levy on the Taxable Persons of the several Counties where such Commissioners shall serve as aforesaid, for the defraying the Expences aforesaid, and no more.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act.

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An Act to restrain the ill Practices used by Sheriffs in taking Goods by Fieri facias, and selling them by Venditioni exponas.

Whereas many of the good People of this Province have of late been greatly damnified and abused in their Estates by Sheriffs, who upon Receipt of any Fieri facias, or Attachment issued out of the Courts of this Province, take, by virtue of such Writs, great Quantities of Goods, more than will satisfy the Debt, Damages and Costs in such Writs mentioned, and keep them a long Time in their Custody, under Pretence of Want of Buyers, whereupon it often happens upon the Return of the said Sheriffs, that Writs of Venditioni exponas are issued, commanding them to put the said Goods to Sale, which for the most Part hath been done privately, and Goods of great Value have not been sold for the Tenth Part of their Value, to the great Loss of both the Debtor and Creditor, and to the Ruin of some Families; for the Prevention whereof for the future, and to ascertain a Way and Method whereby the Sheriffs of this Province may securely act in Writs of the like Nature, more to the Benefit and Advantage of both Debtor and Creditor;

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, if any Writ of Fieri facias shall be delivered to any Sheriff of this Province, if the Defendant, where the Judgment is against him for his proper Debt or Cost, will upon Oath shew all his Personal Estate, when thereto required, or where Judgment is rendered against him, as an Executor or Administrator, shew