

Session
Laws Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for, and the several Justices of the several County Courts within this Province, are hereby required and directed, on Application to them made, by the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of any Parish, yearly to assess the Parishioners of such Parish, any Quantity of Tobacco, not exceeding Ten per Poll on the Taxable Inhabitants thereof, be it for the Enlargement or Repairs of any Church heretofore, or hereafter to be enlarged, or for any other Charge that shall hereafter be judged by the Vestry and Churchwardens to be necessary for the Use of the same Parish: For collecting whereof, the Sheriff shall be allowed Five per Cent. without any Deduction.

Provided always, That an Account thereof be fairly kept, and yearly transmitted to the Governour and Council, by the Time, and according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly, Intituled, An Act empowering the Commissioners of the County Courts to levy and raise Tobacco, to defray the necessary Charges of their Counties and Parishes: Any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Chap. VIII An Act for the Relief of Creditors, and to prevent Frauds and Deceits occasioned by secret Sales, Mortgages, and Gifts of Goods and Chattels.

Whereas divers Persons, being indebted to several of the Inhabitants of this Province, and Others His Majesty's Subjects, have Run away without making any Satisfaction to their Creditors, and either carried their Substance with them, or lodged the same in the Hands of some Persons in Trust to their own Use; or made secret and fraudulent Sales thereof, to the great Prejudice of Creditors, and the Discouragement of Trade: For Remedy whereof,

p. 8 Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That when, and as often as any Provincial Justice, or Justice of the Peace, shall be informed upon Oath, by the Testimony of one creditable Witness, or by any other probable Way, that any Person or Persons, is or are actually run away, or removed, in a secret Manner, from the Place of his, her, or their Abode, and shall have carried, or shall be about to remove and carry away any Part of his, her, or their Substance, to deceive his, her, or their Creditors, or abscond or fly from Justice, that it shall and may be lawful for such Justice, upon Application to be made to him, by any Creditor or Creditors of such run-away or absconding Person; and making it appear to such Justice, that such run-away or absconding Person is really and bona fide indebted to the Person or Persons making such Application, and in how much; it shall and may be lawful for such