

Majesty his heirs and Successors, and to the right honourable the Lord Proprietary and his heirs and Successors and to all bodies Politick and Corporate and all others not mentioned in this Act their severall and respective rights.

Liber LL, 5  
Acts

An Act Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Difficulties they may lye under in Paying their Leavys and other just Tobacco Debts this Year.

Acts of 1724,  
ch. 19  
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Whereas it is represented to this Present Session of Assembly that by occasion of the great draught for a considerable time the last Summer and the great and sudden Gusts of winds and Rains which Succeeded a great number of the Inhabitants of this Province has not made Tobacco's Sufficient to Pay their Levys. And foreasmuch as it might tend to the utter Ruin of many families especially of the Poorer Sort if the Publick Creditors in this Scarce year of Tobacco Should insist on the Receiving the whole of their Claims as aforesaid Be it therefore Enacted by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that from and after the end of this Present Session of Assembly at any time before the twenty fifth day of December next it shall and may be lawfull for any of the Inhabitants within this Province that are not in a Capacity to pay any Part of their Levys this year in Tobacco or money or can only Pay some Part thereof to apply themselves to any Justice of the Provincially or County Courts of this Province or City Magistrate the which Justice or Magistrate so applyed to is hereby Impow-ered and required to administer the Oath hereafter appointed by this Act to such of the Inhabitants as shall desire it or if Quakers their Affirmation to the same Effect and likewise to give every such Person a Certificate in the form hereafter Prescribed by this Act of his having taken such Oath or affirmation before them and every such Person that shall have taken such Oath or Affirmation and Procured such Certificate from the Justice as aforesaid And shall Produce the same to any of the Commissioners appointed by this Act for the County where they are Inhabitants at any time by the Seventh day of January next shall not for this year be lyable to any Execution on account of their Levys for more then hereinafter Directed nor shall be obliged to Pay more on that Account then what they shall Declare upon such Oath or Affirmation they can Pay. But in all such Cases the Sheriffs of the severall and respective Countys within this Prov. are hereby required Pursuant to the direction of the Commissioners appointed by this Act for such County to Credit such Persons for their Levys, or such Part thereof as they cannot pay untill another year without charging any Interest or forbearance for the same and forasmuch as it would be to great