

or their procuring an Order, drawn on the said Sheriff for the same, signed by the Majority of the Vestrymen of the said Parish; any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. Liber H. S. No. I

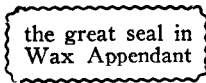
And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case the said Sheriff shall, after the producing to him the said Order, refuse or delay to pay the Tobacco due thereon, the said Vestrymen or their Successors, shall and may have the same Remedy for the said Tobacco, or such Part thereof as shall not be paid, as other public Creditors legally may have against Sheriffs, who, after receiving Tobacco assessed for them, refuse or delay to pay the same. [Remedy in Case of Refusal.]

And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as often as any future Collection of Tobacco shall be made, by Virtue of the said Act, the same Tobacco so collected yearly, shall in each Year, be paid by the Sheriff of the said County to the Order of the Majority of the Vestrymen of the said Parish, in discharge of the Agreement made with the said William Waite, until the said Quantity of One Hundred and Forty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco in the said Act and Agreement mentioned, shall be fully paid and satisfied. [To pay future Collections.] p.24

9.th Novem.^r 1753
Read and Assented to
by the Lower House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
M Macnemara Cl lo ho

On behalf of the Right
Honble the Lord Propry
of this Province I will
this be a Law
Hor.^o Sharpe

9 Nov.^r 1753
Read and Assented to
by the Upper House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
J. Ross Cl Up Ho.



No. 12 An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before One Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Recovery of small Debts before One Justice of the Peace out of Court, has been found a great Satisfaction and Ease to the good People of this Province, and that the Jurisdiction of one Justice of the Peace, by the Law heretofore made, is not sufficiently extended to suit their Conveniency and Benefit: It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted; [Preamble.]

And 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 the Authority of the same, That in all Cases wherein the real Debt or Damage doth not exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Fifty Shillings Current Money, it shall and may be lawful for any One Justice of the Peace of each respective County, wherein the Debtor doth reside, to try, hear and determine, the Matter of Controversy between the Creditor and Debtor, and upon full Hearing of the Allegations and Evidences of both Parties, shall give Judgment according to the Equity and Right of the Matter, and if need be [One Justice to hear and try all Causes of 600 lbs. of Tobacco, or 50 Shillings Currency.]