

At a Session of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, in the County of *Ann-Arundel*, the 27th Day of *October*, and ended the 14th Day of *November*, in the 12th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ANNE, Queen of *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoq; Domini 1713*, were Enacted the Laws following.

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C H A P. I.

Passed 14th  
Nov. 1713.

*An Act of Directions for the Sheriff's Office in this Province, and for the more easy Payment of the Public and County Levy. Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 65. REP. 1715, ch. 46; and 1719, ch. 16.*

This Act repeals 1709, ch. 6. A new Law made 1715, ch. 46.

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Ditto.

An ACT for the more speedy conveying Public Letters and Packets of this Province, and defraying the Charge thereof; and to prevent the Abuses of breaking open, and concealing any Letters whatsoever. *Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 71.*

Preamble.

**F**ORASMUCH as several of the Inhabitants of this Province have been formerly subject to great and manifest Inconveniencies by pressing of Horses, under Pretext of carrying and conveying Public Letters and Packets: For Prevention whereof, and that due Care may be taken for the future, that all Public Letters and Packets, relating to her Majesty's, or the Public Service of this Province, be securely and expeditiously conveyed, according to their Directions, the Delegates of this present General Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted;

The Sheriffs to convey all Public Letters to the Sheriff of the next County.

II. **And be it Enacted**, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Sheriff of each respective County is hereby enjoined and commanded to take Care of all Public Letters and Packets, and expeditiously convey them, according to their respective Directions, to the next Sheriff or Under-Sheriff of the next adjacent County.

The annual Allowances to Sheriffs to be charged in the Public Levy, in lieu of all Charges accruing by the Conveyance of Public Letters.

III. **And** for the Encouragement of the several and respective Sheriffs, and their Diligence in conveying such Public Letters and Packets, that they may be allowed the several Sums hereafter expressed, to be laid in the Public Levy of this Province, *That is to say*;

To the Sheriff of *Ann-Arundel* County, Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby obliged to convey all such Letters and Packets as are directed, and must go over to the Eastern Shore, to *Kent-Island*, and there to be delivered to the Sheriff of *Queen-Anne's* County, or his Deputy.

To the Sheriff of *Queen-Anne's* County, Fourteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby also obliged to convey all such Letters and Packets as are directed to the City of *Annapolis*, to the said City.

To the Sheriff of *Cæcil* County, One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, who is also obliged to convey all such Letters and Packets as are directed to the Northward, to the Town of *New-Castle upon Delaware*.

To the Sheriff of *Talbot* County, Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco.