

Bills of Credit should pass in Payment, Satisfaction, and Discharge of all Contracts, after Publication thereof, within this Province, for Current Money; and that all or any of the Inhabitants of this Province might, and by the same Act were enabled to, discharge all Levies, (the Forty per Poll; and all Tobacco directed by any Act of Assembly of this Province, to be levied and applied to the Building and Repairing of any Church or Churches therein, excepted) in the said Bills of Credit, or Gold or Silver; and that all Bounties, Rewards, and Allowances; given and allowed by any Act of Assembly of this Province; and also all Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, settled and established in Tobacco by any Law of this Province, should and might be paid, satisfied, and discharged, in the said Bills of Credit, or Gold and Silver, rating Tobacco at Ten Shillings per Hundred, and in Proportion for a lesser Quantity; with Proviso, that no Person should be obliged to pay the said Bills of Credit, Gold or Silver, in lieu of Tobacco; but that every such Person should be at Liberty to pay Tobacco for the said Levies and Penalties, as if the said Act had never been made; but that every Person who should not tender or pay such Bills of Credit, or Gold or Silver, by the Tenth Day of *April* yearly, during the Continuance of that Act, should be obliged to pay all Levies in Tobacco, as if that Act had never been made.

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II. **And whereas** several of the People of this Province, liable to pay the Public and County Levies, have also Allowances made to them in the Public or County Levies, by Laws now in Being, for certain Services to the Country, and most justly conclude, that the several Sheriffs should and ought to discount with them for so much Tobacco as they are allowed in their Hands, or so much as will discharge that Part of their Levy as is by the said Act to be paid in Money, at the Rate of Ten Shillings per Hundred, be it before or after the Tenth Day of *April* yearly; yet, so it is, that the said Sheriffs, or some of them, have insisted to pay, and have paid, to the said Inhabitants, their whole Allowances aforesaid in Money, at the Rate of Ten Shillings per Hundred, and at the same Time demanded from, and obliged the People to pay, either the whole of the Tobacco they stand charged with for Public or County Levies, or such high and exorbitant Prices for such Tobacco, as they were pleased to put thereon: For the Remedy of which Evil,

Undue Practices of Sheriffs.

III. **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 from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, when, and as often as any of the Inhabitants aforesaid shall have any Allowance or Allowances in the Public or County Levies, for any Sum or Sums of Current Money or Tobacco, which may be paid and discharged in Money at the Rate aforesaid, and such Inhabitants at the same Time are charged or chargeable with any Sum or Sums of Tobacco, in such Levies, which by the afore-recited Act may be payable in Money, before or by the Tenth Day of *April* yearly, the several and respective Sheriffs within this Province, shall, and are hereby obliged and required to make and give unto such Inhabitants, and every of them, a Discount or Allowance for such Tobacco, so far forth as their respective Allowance or Allowances aforesaid, in the Public or County Levies shall come to, either before or after the Tenth Day of *April* yearly; the before-recited Act, or any other Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Sheriffs shall discount Public and County Levies, out of Public or County Allowances.

IV. **And forasmuch** as the Public and County Levies (except before excepted) are now payable in Tobacco, or Money at the Rate of Ten Shillings per Hundred, at the Election of the People who are to pay the same: To the End therefore, that the Public and County Creditors, or such Persons who have Allowances made to them in such Public or County Levies, may be informed how much thereof hath been paid in Tobacco, and how much in Money, and thereby know what Proportion or Share of such their re-

Sheriffs to make out two Lists upon Oath of Taxables; setting down the Tobacco chargeable on each,