

Day of *December*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty-eight, shall be and are hereby made Void and of no Effect: And it shall not be lawful for any Justices of any Court within this Province, to render or give Judgment on such Bonds, by virtue of such Power of Attorney; and no Clerk or Clerks of any Court or Courts, within this Province, shall issue or make out any Execution, upon such Judgment. And that during the Continuance of this Act, no Judgments shall be entered on any Judgment Bonds for Money, taken after the Fifteenth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, until the Court, Judge, or Justice, before whom a Judgment is or shall be offered to be entered up, be satisfied, that the Defendant or Defendants, is or are actually run away; nor even then, unless the Plaintiff or his Attorney in Fact, or one acquainted with the Transaction, makes Oath, that the Bond was not passed for a Tobacco Debt, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this, or the aforesaid other recited Act.

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Judgment Bonds taken for Money in lieu of Tobacco, to be void, &c.

LXXVIII. **And whereas**, the excessive Quantity of Tobacco made, may, in some measure, depreciate that Branch of Trade: In order therefore to encourage the Manufacturing of Hemp, Flax, and other proper Materials, for the necessary Cloathing and Use of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and to divert Part of the People from Labouring in Tobacco; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, not making Tobacco, by themselves, Servants or Slaves, within this Province, to pay, at or before the Tenth Day of *April* yearly, or as the Business, or Services, they may want in any of the Offices, shall be done, during the Continuance of this Act, as well the Poll Tax due to the Clergy, as all Lawyers and Officers Fees, and Assessments for building or repairing Churches, in Gold and Silver, as regulated by this Act; and that such Payment, or Tender thereof, and Refusal, shall be a full Satisfaction and Discharge for the same, though charged in Tobacco; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, or any thing contained in this Act, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Persons not making Tobacco,

may pay off Taxes and Fees, in Gold and Silver, as regulated by this Act.

LXXIX. **Provided always**, That every Person or Persons allowed by this Act to pay Gold and Silver instead of Tobacco due as aforesaid, shall make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, *That he did not in the Year preceding, by himself, or by his Children, Servants, or Slaves, make any Tobacco for Sale.*

But shall make Oath that they made no Tobacco for Sale.

LXXX. **And be it Enacted**, That where any Person or Persons within this Province, shall have taxable Persons in different Counties, and doth not by himself, or themselves, Children, Servants, or Slaves, make Tobacco within this Province, That it shall and may be lawful for such Person or Persons, to make Oath to that Purpose, before any Justice of the County where such Person or Persons shall reside, and a Certificate or Certificates of such Oath, from the said Justice, shall be sufficient to any Sheriff, in a different County, to receive Gold or Silver in lieu of Tobacco, from such Person or Persons, for such Taxables.

Persons having Taxables in different Counties may make Oath in the County where they reside.

LXXXI. **And whereas**, many Persons not making Tobacco, have been, and may be, unable to pay the Poll-Tax due to the Clergy, and Lawyers and Officers Fees, in Gold or Silver as aforesaid, by the Tenth Day of *April* yearly, and as it hath been, and may prove, a great Inconvenience and Oppression to such Persons, to be obliged to pay and discharge the Poll-Tax due to the Clergy, and Lawyers and Officers Fees, in a Commodity which they frequently cannot procure, but by purchase from Sheriffs, and others, who taking Advantage of their Necessity, demand and exact exorbitant Prices for the same: For remedy whereof, **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any Sheriff, or other Officer, to take or demand of, or from, or execute, or cause to be executed, any

In Case those who do not make Tobacco cannot pay by the Tenth of *April*; shall not be executed in any other Manner than for Gold and Silver.