

NOVEMBER, 1769.—CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT for emitting bills of credit, and other purposes therein mentioned.

A temporary expedient to raise supplies for the state treasury.

CHAPTER 15.

* 1715, ch. 46. A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the act, entitled, * An act for the direction of Sheriffs in their offices, and restraining their ill practices within this province.

Preamble. WHEREAS, by the said act it was, among other things, enacted, that no sheriff or sub-sheriff within this province, after the publication thereof in their several and respective counties wherein they dwell, should take any bond, bill, or other writing obligatory, of any person or persons, upon any pretence whatsoever, without endorsing the account on the back of the said bond, bill or writing obligatory, for which the same was past, and that if any sheriff or sub-sheriff within this province should, during the time that he remained in his place or office, upon any pretence whatsoever, take any bond, bill or writing obligatory, without endorsing the account on the back side of the said bill, bond, or writing obligatory, as aforesaid, by which it might appear upon what consideration the same was taken, the said bond, bill or writing obligatory, should be void and of no effect, and the officer or officers that took the same should lose his debt, and for ever be debarred of suing any other action for the recovery of the same: And whereas it is found by experience that the said provision hath been often eluded by sheriffs and under-sheriffs, their taking promissory notes and other written securities for fees by them illegally charged, without endorsing on such notes the account for which the sum mentioned in such notes became due, which hath been understood not to be within the provision of the said act above recited, to the great damage and injury of many of the good people of this province; for remedy whereof,

SEC. 2. *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 no sheriff or sub-sheriff within this province, after the first day of February next, shall take any mortgage, promissory note or inland bill of exchange whatever, of any person or persons, upon any pretence whatsoever, without endorsing the account on such mortgage, promissory note or bill of exchange, for which the same was passed; and if any sheriff or sub-sheriff within this province shall, after the said first day of February next, during the time that he shall remain in his said office, upon any pretence whatsoever, take any mortgage, promissory note or inland bill of exchange, without endorsing the account on such mortgage, note or bill of

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