

no sheriff, or sub-sheriff within this province, after the publication of this act, in their several and respective counties wherein they dwell, shall take any bond, bill, or any 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 passed; and if any sheriff or sub-sheriff within this province shall, during the time that he remains in his place or office, upon any pretence whatsoever, take any bill, bond or writing obligatory, without endorsing the account on the back side of the said bond, bill, or writing obligatory, as aforesaid, by which it may appear upon what consideration the same was taken, the said bond, bill, or writing obligatory shall be void, and of no effect, and the officer or officers that took the same shall lose his debt, and for ever be debarred of suing any other action for the recovery of the same, any law, statute or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

By 1769, ch. 15, no sheriff, &c. shall take any mortgage, promissory note, or inland bill of exchange, without endorsing on what account, &c. And no sheriff shall take any bond or other writing, or receive any money claimed under his office, without delivering a fair account of the consideration.

Time not to  
be reckoned

SEC. 14. *And*, that whereas the said officers are prohibited from taking bills upon any pretence whatsoever, otherwise than as is directed by this act, during the time they remain in office, to the intent the said officers may receive no damage by the act of assembly for limitation of actions, *Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid*, That the time the said officers remain in office shall not be reckoned or accounted in the act of limitation.

Single fees  
only allowed.

SEC. 15. *And*, that whereas it hath been the practice of several sheriffs of this province, where a person hath been in prison at the suit of two or three several persons, or hath lain for the satisfaction of two or more several judgments, for the sheriff to charge imprisonment fees for each action or judgment; for prevention whereof for the future, *Be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall not be lawful for any sheriff within this province to take any more fees for keeping any prisoner, though he be in prison at the suit of two or three several persons, or for several judgments, than if he was in prison only at one suit, or for one cause, under the pains and penalties mentioned in the act for limitation of officers' fees, against the offenders thereof.

This refers to act of 1704, ch. 86, which expired in 1719.