

William the Third by the grace of God King of England
France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c.
To the Sheriff of Kent County greeting Whereas at a Court
held at the house of Great Sault the 8th day of November
Anno Dom 1697 by our Justices of our County of Kent for
assessing the said County Quay or Tonnage and that it doth appear
that the said Tax or charge amounteth to the sum of Twenty
four thousand seven hundred forty and eight pounds of
Tobacco and all for that there is assessed upon every taxable
person the sum of forty pounds of Tobacco as by
virtue of an Act of Assembly made at the Port of Amoy
the tenth day of July Anno Dom 1696 Entitled an Act for
the Service of Almighty God and Establishment of the Protestant
Religion both which sum amounteth to the sum of forty six
thousand two hundred sixty and eight pounds of Tobacco
at Eighty and Six pounds of Tobacco there being
returned first hundred thirty and eight taxable for our
said County of Kent Not Contented You therefore that of every
taxable person within the said County that You Quay by way of
Execution on their persons or Estates the said sum of Eighty
six pounds of Tobacco as by the said Act is expressed and that the first of the said
sum being 24748 of Tobacco You make punctual and
speedy payment thereof to the persons above named according to
the several proportions to them allotted as above is expressed and the
other sum being 21520 of Tobacco You pay according
as in the said Act is expressed and do not fail not at your peril
and for so doing this shall be your Warrant