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Whereas many the Inhabitants of this Province are and have been exceedingly
grieved and burthened by Executions laid upon them for Tobacco in the Summer
time when it is not possible for them to procure Tobacco for payment and Satisfaction
of their Creditors by means whereof they are oftentimes kept in prison along time
and thereby disabled from tending and making their Crops to the great prejudice (if
not Ruine) of many the Inhabitants of this Province being thereby left destitute of
any means to satisfy their Creditors for provision whereof for the future Be it
Enacted by the Right Hon.^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the
Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the Same
That after the tenth day of Aprill in any year no Execution shall Issue out of any the
Courts of this Province against the body or goods of any person or persons Inhabiting or
Residing within this Province till the tenth day of October next or till the tenth day
of October in any year during the continuance of this Act for any debt or debts or
upon any account Judgment or Judgments sued had or Recorded against any the
Inhabitants of or within this Province betwixt the tenth day of Aprill and the tenth
day of October in any year in the Provinciall or any the County Courts of this Province
for any cause matter or thing whatsoever

Provided Such person or persons against whom any such Judgment is obtained
shall Immediately after the obtaining such Judgment together with another party
such as the Justices hereafter mentioned shall approve of (and be for and Justice
or more of the Justices of the Provinciall Court or two Justices or more of the
Respective County Court where such Judgment is obtained and confess Judgment to the
party that obtained the Judgment as is aforesaid for his debt and Costs of Suits
adjudged with a cessat Executio till the tenth of October then next following and
thereof procure Certificate under the hand of the Same Justice or Justices before
whom the said Judgment shall be confessed. And that such Certificate shall be
a sufficient Supersedeas to the Sheriffs to forbear serving the Execution upon
the body or goods of the person so obtaining such Certificate

And if the party be taken in Execution before such Certificate be produced
that then such Certificate being obtained afterwards as aforesaid shall be a
sufficient Supersedeas to the Sheriffs for the Release of of such person from
Imprisonment upon that Execution the party paying or giving Security to such
Sheriffs for his due fees for the Imprisonment. And that the Justice or Justices before
whom such Judgment shall be confessed as aforesaid shall Returne the Judgment so
confessed unto the Clerks of that Respective Court where the first Judgment was
obtained to be Entred upon Record for which Entry the Clerks shall Receive as aforesaid
five pound of Tobacco and not more any law Customs or usage heretofore had made
or done within this Province to the contrary hereof notwithstanding

And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Lawes
Heretofore