

any person or persons within this Province shall wilfully and maliciously burn and destroy any (own field Pasture ground orchard or other fens or forest — whereby any of the Inhabitants of this Province are harmed and endamaged the person so offending being thereof convicted by the testimony of two sufficient witnesses shall suffer such penalties or undergoe such punishment as the Lawes of England provides against such malicious persons and Practices of that nature or make restitution to the person wronged by paying treble the damages — Susteyned thereby at the Justice before whom such Case shall come shall determine this Act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly — which shall first happen —

An Act concerning taxable persons

Whereas divers Servants and dayly Imported into this Province and many disputes arising concerning their ages and when they are to be accounted Taxables Bee itt enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the Consent of the upper and Lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that all male Children borne in this Province and Resident in itt shall be accounted Taxables at the age of Sixteen years and upward and all male Servants Imported into this Province at the age of ten years and upward shall be accounted Taxables and all Slaves whatsoever whether male or female Imported or borne in the Province at or about the age of ten years shall be likewise accounted Taxables and so Rated accordingly and that all freemen Resident in this Province Except ministers & priests shall be Taxable being about the age of Sixteen yeares this act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen —

An Act declaring what shall be done by the sherriffs ex officio

Whereas certain Charges are lately arisen in this Province by the sherriffs exacting fees for severall matters and Executing severall writts and preceptts and for summoning of Jurors in Criminall cases and other matters onely Relating to the Publiick which formerly were done & Executed and still ought to be done ex officio —

Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that from henceforth noe Sherriffs within this Province shall take Exact or Receive of or from any person whatsoever any fees Sallary gratuity or reward for the serving or Executing any writt warrant or preceptt from the Governour or Councell or from any Justice of the Peace within this Province or for the doing of any other thing in any the Courts of Record in this Province for any matter or thing or upon any Suits or Suits in Criminall Cases but such Sherriffs