

Yeares of our Lord God 1677—

And Bee itt further Enacted by the advice and Consent aforesaid & the Authority of the same That from and after the tenth day of October which shall be in the Yeares of our Lord 1677 every Inhabitant & house keeper having a Plantation whereon he maketh Tobacco as aforesaid and that shall pay away or dispose of any Tobacco unto any Marchant Master of a Shipp Sailer or any other person whatsoever shall notwithstanding such disposers or payment secure and keepe the said Tobacco as he would doe his ownes proper goods untill such person as did receive or is owner of the same shall send for itt Provided allways that nothing in this Act contayned shall be construed meant or intended to make any Inhabitant or house keeper liable to any damage which shall happen to any Tobacco so left with him to keepe and secure through any casualty whatsoever—

And Bee itt further Enacted by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid That every Inhabitant house keeper or other person having a Plantation as aforesaid & making Tobacco as aforesaid which shall not erect build or fill upp such house or houses upon their respective Plantations for the use and by the time aforesaid shall forfeite and pay the summe of five hundred pounds of Tobacco in Cash the one halfe to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered by bill plaint or Information in any Court of Record within this Province where in no Escoyne Wager nor Protection in Law to be allowed This Act to continue for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen—

An Act relating to the Seizure of Tobacco by the Sheriffs—
Inasmuch as great Complaints have been made to the Burgesses and Delegates of the lower house of Assembly of the many and great inconveniences that have lately happened and doe dayly & for the future may happen and accrue to many Marchants Masters & other persons trading into and Resyding & Inhabiting within this Province who having severall debts and summs of Tobacco due unto them from severall persons in this Province who for satisfaction of their said debts have paid away and delivered to their severall Creditors severall quantities and hoggsheads of Tobacco & such hoggsheads of Tobacco have been Received marked and nayled by such Marchants Masters & others trading into & Resyding in this Province as aforesaid And thereupon the said Creditors have delivered upp to the said Debtors their bills or other specialltyes given for security of the said debts or otherwise the said Debtors have procured Releases & discharges for the Debts yett notwithstanding afterwards the severall Sheriffs within this Province upon pretences of Publick debts due from the said persons Debtors have seized the said Creditors Tobacco so Received marked and Nayled and lying in the said Debtors Tobacco houses and by that means the said Creditors are left without Remedy for Recovery of their said Debt against to the great hindrance of Trade & prejudis of such Creditors— And forasmuch also as the people of this Province are very much grieved by the severall undues practices of severall Sheriffs of this Province who having Authority to collect his Lordshippes Rents and the

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