

any such convicted Felons or malefactors & shall sell give pay or any other wayes
dispose of unto any Inhabitant of this Province such Felons or Malefactors as
aforesaid shall forfeit & pay for every such convicted Felon or Malefactor so
Imported should given paid or any other wayes disposed of unto any Inhabitant of
this Province the sum of two thousand pounds of Tobacco 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 Informacion in any Court of Record within this
Province wherein no Stay nor 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 for Securing Creditors

Whereas there are now prisons built in every County And forasmuch as they were intended
for the safe keeping of Prisoners that Creditors might be secured to have their debts paid
after Judgment & Execution served And that Criminals might be brought to condigne
Punishment Bee it enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the
advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That
every Sheriffe within this Province that shall have any Prisoner committed to his charge
in any Criminal case whatsoever shall safe keep the said Prisoner or prisoners untill
they be delivered by due Course of Law And if any Sheriffe shall suffer any such
Prisoners to Escape voluntarily or Negligently shall forfeit twenty thousand pounds
of Tobacco to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary the one halfe thereof to be
Employed in strengthening the prison of the County the other towards the maintenance
of poor prisoners.

Bee it further enacted by the Authority & by and with the advice and consent
aforesaid that when any person or persons are taken by the severall & respective
Sherriffes of the severall and respective Counties in Execution for debt or upon other means
proceeds the said severall & respective Sherriffes shall safely keep and restrain
the said prisoners by such means & in such manner as prisoners in England by the Law
of England are and may be restrained And if any Sherriffe shall voluntarily or
Negligently suffer any such prisoners to Escape such Sherriffe shall pay the debt
or Damage to the person who obtained Judgment & sued out Execution or other means
proceeds against the said Prisoner And if any person imprisoned for felony or other
Crime deserving death shall attempt or endeavour to break the prison shall immediately
thereupon be bound by the Sherriffe or Jaoler in Irons And any person so
imprisoned for felony or other Crime deserving death as aforesaid that shall break
the prison shall be punished with death This Act to endure for three yeares or to
the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.
