

An Act for the better regulation of the Sheriffs of the Province of New Brunswick

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Forasmuch as there have been great ~~complaints~~ generally made from all parts of this Province that the long continuance of the several Sheriffs in their respective Offices hath been of ill consequence to the Inhabitants of this Province and that the Laws of England are no way suitable to this Province for that it would be a great Injury to any such Sheriff to enjoy his said Office only one year Bee it therefore enacted by the King and Queen most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that from the Publication hereof no Sheriff or under Sheriff within this Province shall continue or remain in his or their Office or Offices of Sheriff or under Sheriff of such County for any longer or greater time than two full years from the first time of his entrance into such Office or Offices, and be it further enacted that if any such Sheriff or under Sheriff shall for the future accept of any such Commission contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act every such Sheriff shall forfeit and pay to their Majesties the sum of two hundred pounds sterling and every such under Sheriff shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds sterling the one half of both the said Sums or forfeitures of the said Sheriff or under Sheriff to be to their Majesties for support of Government the other half to the Informer or Informers or to him or them that shall sue for the same to be discovered in any Court of Record within this Province by bill plaint or Information wherein no Stay of protection or wager of Law to be allowed Provided always that this Act nor anything therein contained shall not extend to debar any person whatsoever from taking his legal Remedy against any Sheriff taking extortionate fees or any other offences whatsoever relating to his Office any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding

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