

Said Debtors their bills or other specialties given for security of the said  
debts or otherwise the said Debtors have procured releases or discharges for the  
said debts yet notwithstanding afterwards the severall sheriffs within this  
Province upon pretence of publick debts due from the said persons Debtors have  
seized the said Creditors Tobacco so received marked and nailed as aforesaid  
and lying in the said Debtors Tobacco houses and by that means the said Creditors  
are left without Remedy for Recovery of their said debts again to the  
great hinderance of trade and prejudice of such Creditors and forasmuch  
also as the people of this Province are very much grieved by the severall  
unlawfull practices of severall sheriffs of this Province who having Autho-  
-rity to Collect the Publick levys of this Province which many times  
amounts to a small sum of tobacco and coming to the severall persons within  
this Province to demand and receive the same and not finding Tobacco ready  
to pay doe commonly mark the Inhabitants Tobacco houses wherein are  
farr greater quantities of Tobacco then will pay the said levys and  
order them not to dispose of any the said Tobacco till the same levys be  
paid whereby the said Inhabitants are debarred from laying out their  
Tobacco where they conveniently may and when necessity requires to  
their great losse and damage for prevention whereof for the future Be  
it enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with  
the advice and consent of their present Generall Assembly and the authority  
of the same that any person or persons whatsoever Merchants or others  
within this Province that hath at any time within this twelve moneths last past  
received marked and nailed or for the future shall receive mark or nail  
any kind of Tobacco within this Province of any persons Debtors within this  
Province and which hath been paid and delivered to them for satisfaction of  
their said debts and such Merchants and others have upon the receipt  
marking and nailing of such kind of Tobacco delivered up to their respective  
Debtors their bills or other security of their said Debts or if the said Merchants  
or others have given releases or discharges to their said Debtors of the said  
Debts and that before the said Merchants or others could remove the said  
kind of Tobacco from the said Debtors Tobacco houses if any sheriff within  
this Province shall come and seize such kind of Tobacco so marked and  
nailed as aforesaid that then and in every such case if the party refuse