

Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the  
present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that what person  
soever shall dispose of any Tobacco or other goods seized on and received  
by the Sheriffs for Fynes or Lawyers or other publick Officers for or that  
shall alter or scratch out the marks of any Tobacco so received or shall  
alter or change the quality of Tobacco so received or by any Merchant or other  
received either by uncaping or otherwise without any lawfull order or  
warrant in writing under the hand of such Sheriffs who received the same  
or of such Merchant or other person who had received and marked the same  
or for whose use the same was received and marked shall be liable being  
convicted by confession or sufficient witness in some Court of this Province  
to restore four fold to the party grieved and stand in the pillory two full  
hours during the Court tyme with his offence fairly written in a piece  
of paper and placed upon his back Provided that no person shall be  
impleaded or prosecuted upon this Act after three years from the tyme  
that the fact shall be committed

### An Act for stay of Execution after April Courts

ps. 58  
Whereas many of the Inhabitants of this Province are and have been  
exceedingly grieved and burthned by Executions layd upon them for Tobacco  
in the former tyme when it is not possible for them to procure Tobacco for the  
payment and satisfaction of their Creditors by means whereof they are oftentimes  
kept in prison along tyme and thereby disabled from making and tending their  
Crops to the great prejudice if not ruine of many the Inhabitants of this  
Province being thereby left destitute of any means to satisfy their Creditors  
for provision whereof for the future be it enacted by the King and Queens  
most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the present  
Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that after the tenth day of  
April in any Year no Execution shall be out of any the Courts of this  
Province against the body or goods of any person or persons Inhabiting in  
this Province till the tenth day of October next or till the tenth day of  
October in any Year during the continuance of this Act for any debt or  
Debt or upon any action Judgment or Judgments Tued had or received  
against the Inhabitants of or within this Province betwixt the