

the thing related be materiall and that he proove not his author being le-
gally convicted thereof, he shall be fined five thousand pounds of Tobacco or
lest if the Court shall think fit to lessen it, and besides give bond wth security
for his good behaviour if it appears to the Court that he did maliciously
publish and invent the same, And be it further enacted by y^e Autho-
rity afore said that whosoever shall after the passing of this Act mali-
ciously and advisedly by writing speaking or otherwise express pub-
lish or declare any words sentences or other thing or things to the defam-
ing or scandall of their Majesties Govern^r or Commander in chief for the
time being and thereof legally convicted shall be Imprisoned six Months
without baile or mainprize, and incurr such forfeitures as the Justices
before whom such Matter is tryed shall adjudge not exceeding the sum
of Ten thousand pounds of Tobacco to Our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King
and Queen their heirs or Successors for the Support of Government
And be it further enacted that whosoever shall maliciously & advisedly by
writing speaking or otherwise express publish utter & declare any words sentences
or other things to the scandall of their Majest^{ies} Cancellors Judges & Justices or
other principall Officers in relation to their severall Office or Offices as afore
being thereof legally convicted, shall be Imprisoned during three Months ¹⁶ without
baile or mainprize & incurr such fine & forfeitures as the Justices before
whom such matter is tryed shall adjudge not exceeding ¹⁶ the sum of five
thous^{and} pounds of Tobacco to Our Sovereign Lord & Lady y^e King & Queen their
heirs or Success^{ors} &c. any Act or Ord^{er} to the contrary notwithstanding
June 4th 1692. Assented to by y^e Councill^{ors} & The house of Assembly have assented
Beard. Signed for y^e John Lovellm^{an} & Signed for y^e Hen. Denton &c.