

charges which before the making of the said Act, were by ^{the} severall
and respective Sheriffs exacted and taken, And forasmuch as the
said Act is thought to be of so great use and advantage to the In-
habitants of this Province as that there is a necessity of contin-
=nuing the same, The Deputies and Delegates of this Present
Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted and be it
Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Maj^{ty} by & with
the advice of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the
same, that from and after the end of this present Session of As-
=s=embly, no Sheriff shall within this Province take or receive
of or from any person whatsoever any Fees Salary Gratuity
or Reward for the serving or executing any writ warrant or
precept from the Governor or Councill, or from any Justice of
the Peace within this Province, or for the doing of any other thing in
any the Courts of Record within this Province for any matter or thing
upon any Indent or Mills in Criminall Cases, but Sheriffs are hereby
enjoynd to execute the same *Ex officio*, And every Sheriff offending
herein shall forfeit the sum of One thousand pounds of Tobacco for
every offence, one half to their Majesties for the repair of that County
Prison wherein they bear office, and the other half to the Party
grieved, to be recovered by Action of Debt bill plaint or Information
wherein no Stay or Protection or wager of Law to be allowed, This
to endure for three years or to the end of the next Session of Assembly
which shall first happen.

June 2^d 1692. Assented to by the Councill Board.

Signed for Croer John Jewellin Clerk

June 4^d 1692

The house of Assembly have assented.

Signed Ford

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