

103.  
Merchants Masters and other persons Trading into or Inhabiting  
within this Province who have severall debts and sums of Tob:  
due unto them from severall Persons within this Province who for  
Satisfaction of their said Debts have paid away and delivered to  
their severall Creditors severall quantities and Hogsheads of  
Tobacco, and such Hogsheads of Tobacco have been received marked  
and nailed by such Merchants Masters and others Trading into or  
residing within this Province as aforesaid, and thereupon the  
said Creditors have delivered up to the said Debtors their Bills or  
other Specialties given for Security of the said Debts or otherwise  
the said Debtors have procured released or discharged for the said  
Debts notwithstanding after wards the severall Sheriffs within  
this Province upon pretence of Publick debts due from the said  
Person Debtor, have seized the said Creditors Tobacco so rece:  
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 the recovery of their said Debts again, to the  
great hindrance of Trade and prejudice of such Creditors AND  
for as much also as the people of this Province are very much  
grieved by the severall undue Practices of severall Sheriffs of  
this Province, who having Authority to collect the Publick Tax  
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 finding no Tobacco ready  
to be paid do commonly mark the Inhabitants Tobacco houses when