

An Act for stay of Executions  
after Aprill Courts.

Whereas many of the Inhabitants of this Province  
are and have been Exceedingly grieved and Burthened by  
Proceedings had upon them for Tobacco in the summer time,  
when it is not possible for them to procure Service for the  
payment and Satisfaction of their Creditors by means where-  
of they are often times kept in prison a long time and thereby  
disabled from making and sending their Crops to the great  
prejudice if not ruin of many the Inhabitants of this  
Province, being hereby left desitute of any Means to  
Satisfy their Creditors, for prevention whereof for the  
future Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most  
Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and consent  
of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority  
of the same, That after the tenth day of Aprill in any  
year no Proceeding shall Issue 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 ensuing the tenth day  
of October in any year during the continuance of this  
Act for any debt or debts or upon any Action, Judgment  
or Judgements tried had or Recovered against any the  
Inhabitants afforming in this Province before the

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