

Law or Practice
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and County Court to the Governour and Council
disposed or absent.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
Consent aforesaid, that it shall and may be sufficient
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of the Council in Commission being then present shall p-
thereupon shall be definitive, except before excepted, in as full &
as tho' the said Governour were then actually present and providing,
this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act for the more speedy conveying the publick Letters and Pacquets of this Province, and settling a Revenue on the Sherrifs for defraying the charge thereof.

FORASMUCH as several of the inhabitants of this Province having
been formerly subject to great and manifest Inconveniencies by reason of
prossing of horses, under pretext of carrying and conveying of publick Letters &
Pacquets, for prevention whereof, and that due care may be taken for the future,
that all publick Letters and Pacquets relating to his Majesty, or publick service of
this Province, be securely and expeditiously conveyed according to their directi-
ons, the Delegates of this present General Assembly do pray that it may be En-
acted,

And **BE IT ENACTED** by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and
with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority
of the same, that the Sherrif of each respective County is hereby injoyned and
commanded to take care of all publick Letters and Pacquets, and expeditiously
to convey them according to their directions to the next Sherrif or under Sherrif
of the adjacent County, and for the encouragement of the several and respective
Sherrifs and their diligence in conveying such publick Letters and Pacquets, that
they may be allowed the several Sums hereafter exprest, to be laid in the publick
Leavy of this Province, *viz.* to the Sherrif of Ann-Arundel County fifteen hun-
dred pounds of Tobacco, who is also hereby obliged to convey all such Letters &
Pacquets as are directed and must go over to the Eastern Shoar to Kent Island, &
there to be delivered to the Sherrif of Talbot County or his Deputy, to the Sher-
rif of Talbot County fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby also ob-
liged to convey all such Letters and Pacquets that are directed to the Port of
Anapolis to the said Port, to the Sherrif of Kent County eight hundred pounds of
Tobacco, who is also hereby obliged to convey all such Letters and Pacquets as
are directed to the Port of Annapolis to Kent Island, and deliver them to the
Sherrif or under Sherrif of Talbot County, except he can convey them a more
ready and expeditious way to Annapolis, who is also hereby obliged to convey
all such Letters and Pacquets to the Port of Annapolis as aforesaid, to the Sherrif
of Cecil County one thousand pounds of Tobacco, who is also obliged to con-
vey all such Letters and Pacquets as are directed to the Northward to the Town
of New Castle upon Delaware, to the Sherrif of Dorchester County eight hun-
dred pounds of Tobacco, to the Sherrif of Somerset County five hundred pounds
of Tobacco, to the Sherrif of Calvert County eight hundred pounds of Tobacco,
to the Sherrif of Prince Georges County one thousand pounds of Tobacco, to the
Sherrif of St. Mary's County eight hundred pounds of Tobacco, to the Sherrif of
Charles County one thousand pounds of Tobacco, to the Sherrif of Baltimore
County eight hundred pounds of Tobacco, which said several & respective Sums
of Tobacco shall be Annually allowed and paid to the several & respective Sher-
rifs as aforesaid, in consideration whereof they Sherrifs of the said several and re-
spective Countys shall defray all such charges as shall accrew by reason of con-
veying any such Letters or Pacquets, any former Law Usage or Custom to the
contrary notwithstanding.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Sherrif under
Sherrif or Deputy that shall neglect or delay the speedy conveying any such Let-