

And Be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Sheriff within this Province have in his hands any publick officers fees to collect shall presume to levy by Execution on any the inhabitants within this Province any fees to him committed to collect, where the person or persons from whom such fees appear to be due produce the former Sheriffs receipt, or otherwise make appear payment of the same, under forfeiture and penalty of treble the sum, executed to the party or partys grieved, to be recovered with cost in any Court of Record within this Province by Bill Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn Protection or wager of Law shall be allowed.

And forasmuch as Sheriffs Bonds have of late years been usually taken in the County Courts for the better conveniency of the Sheriffs getting security without any certain form thereof prescribed.

Be it therefore Enacted, that all Sheriffs Bonds hereafter to be taken throughout this Province to be made in manner and form following.

Maryland ff.

*KNOW all Men by these presents that we A B &c. of the County of
in the Province aforesaid Gent are holden and firmly bound unto
our Sovereign Lord King William &c. in the full sum and just quantity
of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable leaf tobacco
and sack, to be paid to his said Majesty his heirs and successors, so the
which payment well and truly to be paid we binde our selves and either of
us, our and either of our Heirs Executors and Administrato jointly and
severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these presents as witness
our hands and seals the day of in the year of his Majestys
Reigne Henry? Domine*

THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden do well and truly serve his said Majesty his heirs and successors in the office of high Sheriff of the said County of within this Province aforesaid, and also shall render unto his said Majesty and other his said Officers a true faithful and perfect account of all and singular his said Majestys Rights and Dues and to his Officers a true and just account of their fees, that he shall or may be indebted unto by his Majestys Governour and other his Officers within this Province aforesaid to receive and collect, and his account to his said Majesty his heirs and successors, or to his or their Governour here for the time being for the fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to his said Majestys Government, as also his account of all fees, dues or sums of money or tobacco for levys or fees due to any his Majestys Officers and other good people within this Province, that pass an account for by the tenth day of April next ensuing the date hereof, and in all other things as Sheriff of the said County of shall behave himself well and honestly towards all persons, according to the best of his power, skill and knowledge, then this obligation to be void and of no effect, or else to stand in full force strength and virtue.

Which said Bond when taken in form aforesaid, if by the County Court the Commissioners hereof shall transfer the same into the Secretaries Office together with the former Sheriffs Bonds by them taken, and the said Commissioners are hereby required and enjoyned to take new security yearly, and every year, of such persons as long as they shall continue in the said Office, having especial regard unto such persons to be security as aforesaid but such as are good and substantial freemen within their County, and also to make the obligation of such bond to be taken from any Sheriff answerable to the publick charge of their respective Counties. And for encouragement of such persons now bearing or that shall hereafter bear the office of Sheriff and who shall punctually comply with the duties of their offices, it is also hereby further Enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for his Majestys Governour for the time being where no just complaint is made against such Sheriff to continue and make good their Commission for the time and term of three years successively but no longer.