

Maryland &c. *KNOW* all Men by these presents that we A B of the County of _____ in the Province aforesaid are bounden & firmly bound unto our Sovereign Majesty ANNE &c. in the full Sum & just quantity of _____ pound, of good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco & Cask to be paid to her said Majesty her Heirs & Successors to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves & either of us and either of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly & severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these Presents sealed with our Seals and dated the _____ day of _____ in the Year of her Majestys Reign Annoq^o Domini 17

THE Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden A B do well and truly serve her said Majesty her Heirs & Successors in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of _____ within the Province aforesaid and also shall render unto her said Majesty & other her Officers a true faithful & perfect account of all & singular her said Majestys rights & dues and to her Officers a true & just account of their Fees that he shall or may be intrusted with by her Majestys Governour and other her Officers within this Province to receive & collect and his Account to her said Majesty her heirs and Successors and to her & their Governour there for the time being for the Fines and Forfeitures & other dues belonging to her said Majestys Governour as also his account of all Fees Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco for Levys or Fees due to any her Majestys Officers and other good people within this Province shall pass an account of by the tenth day of *April* next ensuing the date hereof and in all other things as Sheriff of the 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 & Vertue.

Which said Bond taken in form aforesaid if by the County Court the Commissioners thereof shall transmit the same into the Secretarys Office together with all former Sherifs Bonds by them taken and the said Commissioners are hereby required and enjoined to take new security yearly and every year of such Sherifs so long as they shall continue in the said Office having a special regard not to admit any person to be security as aforesaid but such as are good and substantial Freeholders within their Countys, and also to make the Obligation of such Bond so to be from any Sheriff answerable to the publick charge of their respective Countys.

And for encouragement of such persons now bearing or that shall hereafter bear the Office of Sheriff and who shall punctually comply with the publick Creditors It is also hereby further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for her Majestys Governour for the time being where no just complaint is made against such Sherifs to continue and make good their Commission for the time & term of three years successively but no longer.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that from and after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly every person or persons within this Province which are taxable within the severall and respective Countys thereof shall and may by force & vertue of this Act at any time or times between the laying of the County Levy and the five and twentieth day of *December* then next ensuing pay his or their Levy or Levys in Money or so much thereof as he or they shall please or think fit after the rate of one penny *per* pound for Tobacco, and the severall and respective Sherifs of this Province are required by this Act to receive the same accordingly

Provided always that when such person or persons shall pay Money instead of Tobacco for his or their Levy or Levys as aforesaid and shall not pay and discharge the whole Sum of Tobacco with which he or they stand charged for his or their Levys by money but shall leave some part thereof still due & owing in Tobacco such part so left due in tobacco shall not be so broken that the Sheriff cannot receive the same entire in a hoghead or hogheads the quantity of five hundred pounds of Tobacco being so accounted.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, that the severall & respective Sherifs of the severall & respective Countys within this Province shall & may after the End of this Sessions of Assembly by Force and Vertue of this Act pay & discharge proportionably to what he shall receive in money and not more, Officers Fees and Allowances made to any person or persons whatsoever in the Publick or County Levys in Money after the rate of one penny *per* pound for Tobacco.

Provided always that when such Sheriff or Sherifs shall pay Money instead of tobacco to any person for his allowance in the Publick or County Levy and shall not pay or discharge the whole Sum of Tobacco due to such person in money at the rate aforesaid but shall leave some part thereof still due and owing in tobacco, then and in every such