

An Act for the more speedy conveying of publick Letters & Pacquets of this Province & defraying the charge thereof.

FORASMUCH as several of the inhabitants of this Province have been formerly subject to great and manifest inconveniencies by reason of persons carrying Horfes under pretext of carrying & conveying publick Letters & Pacquets, for promotion whereof and that due care may be taken for the future that all publick Letters & Packquets relating to her Majesty or publick Service of this Province be securely and expeditiously convey'd according to their directions, the Delegates of this present General Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that the Sherif of each respective County is hereby injoynd and commanded to take care of all publick Letters & Pacquets, and expeditiously to convey them according to their directions to the next Sherif or Under sherif of the adjacent County, and for the encouragement of the severall & respective Sherifs and their diligence in their conveying such publick Letters & Pacquets that they may be allowed the severall Sums hereafter exprest to be laid in the publick Levy of this Province, To the Sherif of *Ann-Arundel* County fifteen hundred pounds of tobacco, who is hereby obliged to convey all such Letters & Pacquets as are directed and directed to the Eastern Shoar to *Kent Island* and there to be delivered to the Sherif of *Talbot* County or his deputy, to the Sherif of *Talbot* County fifteen hundred pounds of tobacco, who is hereby also obliged to convey all such Letters & Pacquets as are directed to the Port of *Annapolis* to the said Port, to the Sherif of *Kent* County eight hundred pounds of tobacco who is also hereby obliged to convey all such Letters & Pacquets as are directed to the Port of *Annapolis* to *Kent Island* & deliver them to the Sherif or a deputy of *Talbot* County except he can convey 'em a more ready & expeditious way to *Annapolis*, who is also hereby obliged to convey all such Letters & Pacquets to the Port of *Annapolis* as aforesaid, to the Sherif of *Cecil* County one thousand pounds of tobacco who is also obliged to convey all such Letters & Pacquets as are directed to the Northward to the Town of *Newcastle* upon *Delaware*, to the Sherif of *Dorchester* County eight hundred pounds of tobacco, to the Sherif of *Somerset* County five hundred pounds of tobacco, to the Sherif of *Calvert* County eight hundred pounds of tobacco, to the Sherif of *Prince Georges* County one thousand pounds of tobacco, to the Sherif of *St. Marys* County eight hundred pounds of tobacco, to the Sherif of *Charles* County one thousand pounds of tobacco, to the Sherif of *Baltimore* County eight hundred pounds of tobacco, which said severall & respective Sums of Tobacco shall be lawfully allowed & paid to the Sherifs as aforesaid, in consideration whereof the Sherifs of the said severall and respective Countys shall defray all such charges as shall accrue by reason of conveying 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 Sherif Under sherif or Deputy that shall neglect or delay the speedy conveying of any such Letters or Pacquets shall forfeit & pay to her Sacred Majesty for every such offence the Sum of five hundred pounds of tobacco, one half to the informer or him or them that will sue for the same, and the other half to be employ'd for the defraying the County charge where any such neglect shall happen, to be recovered in any of her Majestys Courts of Record within this Province by Action of debt wherein no Enjoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all such publick Letters & Pacquets be indorsed for her Majestys Service and with the persons name that send them, and if any person or persons whatsoever shall at any time after the publication of this Act presume to indorse any Letter or Letters Pacquet or Pacquets so as aforesaid which are not for the publick Service he or they shall forfeit & pay for such offence five hundred pounds of tobacco to be recover'd in manner aforesaid. This Act to endure for three Years or to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

An Act for the Recording of all the Acts of Assembly of this Province in the Secretarys Office as also transmitting of the Journal of the House of Delegates into the said Office.

It is Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that all the Acts of Assembly which shall be Enacted this present Sessions and all the succeeding Sessions of Assembly shall within ten days after the end of each Sessions be transmitted into the Secretarys Office and the Secretary for the time being shall upon Receipt of the said Acts into his Office cause the said Acts to be entred upon Record in a very fair legible Hand & in a good substantial Book bound
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