

Oaths; any Construction of the aforementioned Proviso to the contrary notwithstanding. C H A P. XVIII.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XIX.

An Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Difficulties they may lie under in paying their Levies, and other just Tobacco Debts this Year. Passed 4th Nov. 1724.
Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 29. EXP.

C H A P. XX.

An Act for the Relief of Thomas Dent of Charles County, Gent. Lib. L. Ditto.
N^o 5. fol. 34. PR.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT reviving and continuing the * Act for Limitation of Officers Fees, and for supplying some Defects therein: And for Amendment thereof in some Particulars, and restraining some ill Practices of Sheriffs. Ditto.
Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 37. * 1723, ch. 4.

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-third Day of September, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-three, entitled, *An Act reviving and continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees, and supplying some Defects therein,* be, and is hereby revived and continued to be and remain in Force from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of September next, for and until the Twenty-fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-five, and no longer.

II. And for that several Complaints have been made to this Assembly, That several Sheriffs, meerly to increase Fees to themselves, have executed several Persons for Public and County Levies, and Officers Fees, and charged Execution Fees thereon, when they might have received their Dues without such Execution; although they have and are allowed a large Commission for collecting the same: And for that the Power of Execution ought not to be used in Oppression of the People, but only to enable the Sheriff to get in and collect the Public Dues and Officers Fees with the greater Facility: And for that Persons whose Goods are taken in Execution for Officers Fees, are not expressly provided for by the Act to restrain the ill Practice used by Sheriffs, in taking Goods by *Fieri facias*, and selling them by *Venditioni exponas*, although within the Reason and Intent thereof; which Omission gives the Sheriffs frequent Opportunities of Oppressing many of the poorer Sort of People: For Prevention of which Inconveniency and Evils, **Be it Enacted and Declared,** That no Sheriff shall be allowed any Fee or Reward; for executing for any Public or County Levies, or any other Public Dues or Officers Fees. And if the Sheriff shall transgress this Act, he shall be liable to the same Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, that Officers are liable to by the Laws in Force, for taking more Fees than are allowed; any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And be it further Enacted and Declared, That where any Sheriff shall take any Goods in Execution for Officers Fees, such Sheriff shall proceed in the same Manner as the Act, entitled, *An Act to restrain the ill Practice used by Sheriffs in taking Goods by Fieri facias, and selling them by Venditioni exponas,* directs, in case of Goods taken by virtue of a *Fieri facias*; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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