

Majesty's or the Publick Service of this Province, be securely and expeditiously conveyed, according to their Directions, the Delegates of this Present General Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Sheriff of each respective County is hereby Enjoyed and Comanded to take Care of all Publick Letters and Pacquets and Expeditionly convey them according to their respective Directions to the next Sheriff or under Sheriff of the next adjacent County.

And for the Encouragement of the several and Respective Sheriffs, and their Diligence in conveying such Publick Letters and Pacquets that they may be allowed the several Sums hereafter expressed, to be laid in the Publick Levy of this Province (that is to say) To the Sheriff of *Annapolis*, Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who are hereby Obligated to convey all such Letters and Pacquets as are directed and must go over to the Eastern Shore to *Kent Island*, and there to be delivered to the Sheriff of *Queen Ann's County*, or his Deputy. To the Sheriff of *Queen Ann's County*, Fourteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby also Obligated to convey all such Letters and Pacquets as are Directed to the City of *Annapolis*, to the said City. To the Sheriff of *Cecil County*, One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, who is also obliged to convey all such Letters and Pacquets as are Directed to the Northward, to the Town of *New-Castle upon Delaware*. To the Sheriff of *Talbot County*, Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. To the Sheriff of *Kent County*, Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. To the Sheriff of *Dorchester County*, Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. And to the Sheriff of *Somerset County*, Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. To the Sheriff of *Calvert County*, Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. To the Sheriff of *Charles County*, Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. To the Sheriff of *St. Mary's County*, Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. To the Sheriff of *Prince George's County*, Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. And to the Sheriff of *Baltimore County*, Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco. Which said several and respective Sums of Tobacco shall be Annually allowed and paid to the Sheriff aforesaid; in Consideration whereof the Sheriffs of the said several and respective Counties shall defray all such Charges as shall accrue by reason of conveying of such Letters or Pacquets, any former Law, Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

The Sheriff of each County to convey publick Pacquets, &c. for the allowances mentioned.

And to defray all publick Charges thereon accruing.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Publick Letters and Pacquets be Endorsed, For her Majesty's Service, and with the Persons Name that sends them. And if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall at any Time after Publication of this Act, presume to endorse any Letter or Letters, Pacquet, or Pacquets so as aforesaid, which are not for the Publick Service, he or they shall forfeit and pay for such Offence, Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered in any of her Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Publick Letters how to be endorsed & the Penalty on those that abuse by endorsing

And the better to ascertain what Letters shall be accounted publick Letters, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Letters directed to the Governour of this Province, for the Time being, endorsed, For her Majesty's Service, and all Letters sent by the Governour, having his or the Clerk of the Council's Name endorsed, and For her Majesty's Service, directed to any person whatsoever, And all Letters Sent by any Member of her Majesty's Council, with

what shall be deemed publick Letters.