

And Improve
Glebes.

and forever remain as a Glebe to the use of the Ministers of such Parishes for the time being, who shall be lawfully Inducted and appointed, according to the Usage of the *Church of England*, and this Province. And if there shall happen in any Parish to be Tobacco over and above answering the Uses aforesaid, it shall be employed to the Improvement and stocking such Glebe, as the Vestry shall judge most Proper.

And forasmuch as by the said recited Act, there is nothing allowed to the Sheriff for Collecting the said *Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll*, and paying the same to the Incumbent or Vestry.

Sheriff allowed
5 per Cent. for col-
lecting 40 per Poll.

Be it Enacted by the Authority, aforesaid, That the Sheriff of each respective County, shall have allowed him or them, out of the said *Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll*, which they shall pay to such vestry or Incumbent *Five Pounds of Tobacco per Cent* for Collecting and paying the same, and no more, any Law, Statute or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices. and restraining their Ill Practices within this Province.

Sheriffs not to
seize Tobacco un-
stript or received
unless for levies &
Parish Taxes
But may break
Locks for publick
dues.

BE it Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That no Sheriff, Under-Sheriff or Deputy-Sheriff shall seize any Tobacco unstript, or seize or Mark any Merchants, or others Tobacco received, marked and nailed, for any Cause whatsoever, but only for Levies due to the Publick-County Parish, or for the *Forty Pound per Poll* to the Minister; and the several Sheriffs are hereby Empowered to break the Lock of any Tobacco-House, or other Houses where Tobacco is or shall be secured, with design to prevent the said Sheriff from seizing the said Tobacco for Levies and Dues, as aforesaid, and any Sheriff so seizing or Marking any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco containing more then what is justly due for Levies and Dues, as aforesaid, without Satisfaction to the Person to whom such Tobacco doth belong, as by giving Credit or suffering him to take the Over-plus out of such Hogshead of Tobacco at the Choice of the party paying or owing the same, shall pay for every such default the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*, one half to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for support of Government, the other half to the party grieved, to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by *Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint* or Information, wherein no *Essoyne* Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

taking no more
than what is due
for Levies.

His Offence pu-
nished.

In Case of break-
ing a Hogshead he
that has the great-
er share of Tob.
is to have the Cask.

And if it shall so happen that at any time any Sheriff shall seize any Hogshead of Tobacco which shall weigh more then such Levy or Levies or Dues, as aforesaid, shall amount unto, if the remaining part due to the party or parties from whom they shall receive such Levy or Levies, or dues, as aforesaid, be the greater Quantity, then, and in every such Case the Sheriff or Sheriffs shall take out of the said Hogshead such Quantity or Quantities of Tobacco due to him for such Levy or Levies, or dues, as aforesaid, and the said Hogshead, and the remaining part of the Tobacco shall be and remain with the party or parties paying the same; but if the remaining part of such Hogshead of Tobacco, so seized as aforesaid, and belonging to the party or parties paying the same, shall be the less Quantity than is due to the Sheriff or Sheriffs, as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the Owner or Owners of such Tobacco shall