

And forasmuch as Sheriff's Bonds have been of late Years usually taken in the County-Courts for the better Conveniency of Sheriffs getting Security; for ascertaining the Form whereof for the future.

Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Sheriffs Bonds hereafter to be taken, throughout this Province, shall be made in manner and Form following (that is is to say)

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The Form of Sheriff's Office Bond.

**K**NOW All Men by these Presents, That We A. B. of County in the Province aforesaid, are holden and firmly bound to our Sovereign Lord King George, &c. in the full Sum and just Quantity of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf-Tobacco, and Cask; To be paid to his said Majesty, his Heirs and Successors. to the which Payment well and truly to be made, We bind our selves, and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, joyntly and 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 his Majesty's Reign, Annoq; Domini 171

**T**HE Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above-bounden A. B. do well and truly serve his Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors in the Office of High-Sheriff of the County of within the Province aforesaid, and in all Things well and faithfully Execute the same Office, and also shall render unto his said Majesty and other his Officers a true, faithful and perfect Account of all and singular his said Majesty's Rights and Dues, and to his Officers a true and just Account of their Fees, that he shall or may be entrusted with by his said Majesty's Governour, and other his Officers within this Province, to receive and collect, and his Account to his said Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and to his and their Governour here, for the time being, for the fines and Forfeitures, and other Dues belonging to his said Majesty's Governour; as also, his Account of all Fees, Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco due to any the Good People within this Province, for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco, wherewith the said Sheriff shall be entrusted, during the Time of his Shrievalty for this present, or to such of them as shall require the same, shall pass and render by the Tenth Day of May, next ensuing the Date hereof; and in all other Things as Sheriff of the County of shall behave himself Well and Honestly to all Persons, according to the best of his Power, Skill and Knowledge, Then this Obligation to be Void and of none Effect, or else to stand in full force, Strength and Virtue.

Which said Bond taken in form aforesaid, if by the County-Court, the Commissioners thereof shall yearly transmit the same unto the Secretary's Office within two Months after the taking thereof, in default whereof the Commissioners of any County-Court taking such Bond, and not causing the same to be so Transmitted within the Time aforesaid, shall forfeit to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, the one half whereof shall be applyed to the Support of Government, and the other to the Informer, or such Person that will sue for the same, to be Recovered in the Provincial Court of this Province, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

To be transmitted to the Secretary's Office in two Months by the Justices, on pain 1500 l. Tobacco.

And the said Secretary and his Chief Clerk of the Provincial Court shall