

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 enjoyned and commanded to take Care of all Publick Letters and Packets, and expeditiously 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 Packets, 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 *Annapundel* County, Fifteen hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby obliged to convey all such Letters and Packets as are directed, and must go over, to the Eastern-Shore to *Kent* Island, and there to be delivered to the Sheriff of Queen *Anne's* County, or his Deputy.

To the Sheriff of Queen *Anne's* County, Fourteen hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby also obliged to convey all such Letters and Packets, 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 Packets, as are directed to the Northward, to the Town of *Newcastle* 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.

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 Sheriffs 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 Packets; Any former Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Publick Letters and Packets be endorsed for Her Majesty's Service, and with the Person's Name that send them : And if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall, at any Time after Publication of this Act, presume to endorse any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, 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 Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

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 Governor of this Province for the time being, endors'd for Her Majesty's Service, and all Letters sent by the Governor, having his or the Clerk of the Council's Name endors'd, and for Her Majesty's Service, directed to any Person whatsoever, and all Letters sent by any Member of Her Majesty's Council, with the Subscriber's Name endors'd, and for Her Majesty's Service, all Letters sent by the Speaker or Clerk of the House of Delegates for the time being, with the Subscriber's Name endors'd, and for Her Majesty's Service, all Letters sent by a Justice of the Provincial Court, with the Subscriber's Name endors'd, and for Her Majesty's Service, and all Letters sent by the Publick Treasurers of each Shore to any Naval Officer, with the Subscriber's Name endors'd, and for Her Majesty's Service, shall be accounted only Publick Letters.

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