

AND to the End that Publick Creditors may be speedily satisfied their Debts due from the Publick; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Publick Creditor within this Province shall be at his Election, to make Application to the Governor of this Province for the time being, to put such Sheriff's Bond or Bonds in Suit, or otherwise may immediately have an Action of Debt against such Sheriff, in any Court of Record within this Province, for such Publick Tobacco as shall be due to such Creditors.

AND to the End that no Officer, or other Person, may be surprized, or unjustly molested, either upon the Account of Payment or Collection of Publick Dues; Be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons, having Publick Tobacco due to them, or Fees in any Sheriff's Hands to collect, and that do not signifie to such Sheriff or Sheriffs their Dependance and Resolution of making Use of the same, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of *December*, in the Year the same shall be due to him or them, shall not have, take, or demand, any Benefit or Advantage, by this Act allowed for that present Year, and so every Year successively: Nor shall the Sheriff of any the respective County, levy, by way of Execution, any Publick Dues, or Officer's Fees, upon the Body, Goods, or Chattels, of any the Inhabitants of this Province; except they have made a Demand thereof, at or before the Twentieth Day of *February* for that present Year, and so every Year successively.

AND be it also Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That any Sheriff within this Province, having in his Hands Publick Officers Fees to collect, shall not presume to levy, by Execution upon the Body, Goods, and Chattels, of any the Inhabitants of this Province, any Fees, to him committed to collect, where the Person or Persons, from whom such Fees appear to be due, produce the former Sheriff's Receipt, or otherwise make appear the same to be paid, under the Forfeiture and Penalty of Treble the Sum executed, to the Party or Parties grieved; to be recovered, with Costs, in any Court of Record within this Province, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

AND forasmuch as Sheriffs Bonds have, of late Years, usually been 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 to say:

Maryland ss. **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 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 Ourselves, and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly 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; Dom. 17*