

THE 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 to His said Majesty, and 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 intrusted with by His said Majesty's Governor, and other His Officers, within this Province, to receive and collect: And his Account to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to His and Their Governor here for the time being, for the Fines and Forfeitures, and other Dues, belonging to His said Majesty's Governor; 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 intrusted, during the Time of his Sheriffalty 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 towards all Persons, according to the best of his Power, Skill, and Knowledge: Then this Obligation to be Void, and of no 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 transcribed, within the time aforesaid, shall forfeit to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, Fifteen hundred Pounds of Tobacco; the one Half whereof shall be applied to the Support of Government, and the other Half to the Informer, or such Person that will sue for the same; to be recovered in the Provincial Court of this Province, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed. And the said Secretary, and his chief Clerk, of the Provincial-Court, shall be obliged at the next Council, after receiving any Sheriff's Bond or Bonds into the Secretary's Office, to lay the same before his Excellency the Governor of this Province for the time being, for his Approbation or Disallowance of the Securities taken by the County-Courts. And the said Commissioners are hereby required and enjoined to take new Securities yearly, and every Year, of such Sheriffs, so long as they shall continue in the said Office, and transmit the same, as aforesaid; having a special Regard, not to admit any Person to be Security, as aforesaid, but such as are good and substantial Freeholders within their Counties; and also to make the Obligation of such Bond, so to be taken from any Sheriff, answerable to the Publick Charge of their respective Counties; which Penalty shall not be less than Two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco, as aforesaid.

AND for the Encouragement of such Persons, now bearing, or that shall hereafter bear the Office of Sheriff, and who shall punctually comply with the Publick Creditors: It is also hereby further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Governor for the time being, where no just Complaint is made against such Sheriffs, to continue and make good their Commission for the Time and Term of Three Years successively, but no longer.

AND be it further Enacted, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any High Sheriff or High Sheriffs, being indebted to any Person or Persons, shall refuse to discount or allow the same out of any Publick or County Levy,