

Obliged to
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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 due from such Person or Persons, but will, notwithstanding the said Debt being due from the Sheriff, take the Body or Goods of such Person in Execution, shall be liable to be prosecuted in an Action of Trespass or false Imprisonment, as the Case shall require.

Sheriff An-
swerible for
his Deputy's
Offences, and
for what Debt
he may be
sued.

And be it further Enacted, That the High-Sheriff of every respective County shall be liable to be sued as aforesaid, for his own or any of his Deputies Offence or Offences against this Act; and the Debts mentioned, which the Sheriffs may owe to any the Inhabitants, are to be understood of such Debts as are assigned to the Inhabitants in the Publick, County or Parish Levy, or Forty per Poll as aforesaid, or due from the High-Sheriff, by Bill, Bond, Note, or Account proved: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Sheriffs and
their Deput-
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dorse all
Bonds with
the Account
for what
taken.

And whereas there have been divers great Complaints from several Parts of this Province to the General Assembly, of several Sheriffs and Sub-Sheriffs that have exacted and extorted great Sums of Tobacco above their due and lawful Fees ascertained by the Acts of Assembly of this Province, from several of the Inhabitants thereof; and though the Laws of this Province have inflicted a severe Penalty upon any Officer that shall charge and receive more than his due Fees, yet the said Officers have most cunningly and craftily evaded the said Laws, by taking Bills or Writings Obligatory, without ever delivering any Account signed under their Hands as the Law directs, so that the Party grieved cannot sufficiently prove the said Extortion, and is thereby left without Remedy: For Prevention whereof,

Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff within this Province, after the Publication of this Act, in their several and respective Counties wherein they dwell, shall take any Bond, Bill or any other Writing obligatory, of any Person or Persons, upon any Pretence whatsoever, without Endorsing the Account on the Back of the said Bond, Bill or Writing obligatory, for which the same was pass'd; and if any Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff within this Province shall, during the Time that he remains in his Place or Office, upon any Pretence whatsoever, take any Bond, Bill or Writing obligatory without Endorsing the Account on the back-side of the said Bond, Bill or Writing obligatory as aforesaid, by which it may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken, the said Bond, Bill or Writing obligatory shall be void and of no Effect; and the Officer or Officers that took the same shall loose his Debt, and for ever be debarred of Suing any other Action for the Recovery of the same; Any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Salon as in
the Act of Li-
mitation.

And that whereas the said Officers are prohibited from taking Bills upon any Pretence whatsoever, otherwise than as is directed by this Act, during the Time they remain in Office, to the Intent the said Officers may receive no Damage by the Act of Assembly for Limitation of Actions,

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Time the said Officers remain in Office, shall not be reckoned or accounted in the Act of Limitation.

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