

And that whereas it has been the Practice of several Sheriffs of this Province, where a Person hath been in Prison at the Suit of two or three several persons, or hath lain for the Satisfaction of two or more several Judgments, for the Sheriff to charge Imprisonment Fees for each Action or Judgment: For Prevention whereof, for the future,

Sheriff to charge but single Imprisonment Fees tho' at several Suits.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any Sheriff within this Province, to take any more Fees for keeping any Prisoner, tho' he be in Prison at the Suit of Two or Three several Persons, or for several Judgments, than if he was in Prison only at one Suit, or for one Cause, under the Pains and Penalties mentioned in the Act for Limitation of Officers Fees, against the Offenders thereof.

And be it further Enacted, That a certain Act of Assembly of this Province, Entituled, *An Act restraining the Extortions of Sheriffs, Sub-Sheriffs, and Deputy-Commissaries*, made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty Sixth Day of April, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four; and one other Act of Assembly, Entituled, *An Act of Directions for the Sheriffs Office in this Province; and for the more easy Payment of the Publick and County Levy*, made at a Sessions of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Twenty Second Day of October, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Thirteen, be and are hereby repealed and made void.

Former Acts repealed.

An ACT for the Appointment of Constables, and what relates to their Office; and ascertaining what Persons are Taxables.

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BE it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Peace in every respective County of this Province, at the first County Court held after Michaelmas, shall appoint Constables in each Hundred of their several and respective Counties; and the said Constables so appointed, shall, before they enter into that Office, take the several Oaths appointed to be taken by all Officers, by the Acts of Assembly of this Province, and the Oath of a Constable, in Form following, (That is to say)

The County Justices appoint Constables and how.

YOU A. B shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Office of a Constable. You shall see and cause that His Majesty's Peace be well and duly kept, according to your Power. You shall arrest all such Persons as in your Presence shall commit any Riot, Fray, or other Breach of His Majesty's Peace. You shall do your best Endeavour, upon Complaint to you made, to seize all Felons, Barretors, Rioters or Persons riotously assembled; and if any such Offender shall make any Resistance with Force, you shall levy Hue and Cry, and cause them to be pursued, so as they may be taken. You shall do your best Endeavour that Hue and Cry be duly raised and pursued against Murtherers, Thieves, and other Felons and Fugitives, servants; and the Laws and Orders against Vagabonds, and such other idle Persons coming within your Limits, be duly put in Execution at your

The Form of his Oath of Office.