

enable the Sheriffs to get in and collect the Publick Dues and Officers Fees with the greater Facility: And for that Persons whose Goods are taken in Execution for Officers Fees, are not expressly provided for by the Act to restrain the ill Practice used by Sheriffs, in taking Goods by *Fieri facias*, and selling them by *Venditioni exponas*, altho' within the Reason and Intent thereof; which Omission gives the Sheriffs frequent Opportunities of Oppressing many of the poorer Sort of People: For Prevention of which Inconveniency and Evils,

Be it Enacted and Declared, That no Sheriff shall be allowed any Fee or Reward, for executing for any Publick or County Levies, or any other Publick Dues or Officers Fees: And if the Sheriff shall transgress this Act, he shall be liable to the same Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, that Officers are liable to by the Laws in Force, for taking more Fees than are allowed; any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Sheriff to be allow'd any Fee for executing for publick Dues, &c.
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And be it further Enacted and Declared, That where any Sheriff shall take any Goods in Execution for Officers Fees, such Sheriff shall proceed in the same Manner as the Act, Entituled, *An Act to restrain the ill Practice used by Sheriffs in taking Goods by Fieri facias, and selling them by Venditioni exponas*, directs, in case of Goods taken by Virtue of a *Fieri facias*; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

How Sheriffs shall proceed in case of such Executions.

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And for that several Persons having Tobacco in the Sheriffs Hands, and drawing Notes for the same, sundry Sheriffs frequently refuse to pay or discount the Contents of such Notes without an Allowance of Ten per Cent. or some other Allowance, as a Reward for paying or discounting their own just Debts, to the great Prejudice of the Publick Credit, and of several private Persons:

Be it therefore Enacted, That the several Sheriffs within this Province, shall be obliged to discount any Debts due from them or any of them, to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, out of any Publick or County Levies, publick Dues or Officers Fees, and to allow and discount the Contents of any Note that shall be drawn, payable or indorsed to any Person being indebted to the Sheriffs on any of the Accounts already mentioned, so far as they shall owe the Drawer of such Note, without any Deduction or Allowance for such Discount; on Pain of forfeiting Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every Offence, one half thereof to the Lord Proprietary, for the Use of Publick Schools, where the Offence shall be committed, the other Half to the Party grieved, or other Person that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information; wherein no Elloyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Sheriffs to be allowed no Reward for paying or Discounting orders for Tobacco in his Hands from one Person to another.

Provided always, That the Sheriff shall not be obliged to discount a Parcel so as to break an intire Hoghead, except where the Parcel shall be immediately due from the Sheriff to the Debtor: Any Thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided.

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