

ced, that thereby it may be found what Persons have complied with this Act, and who have failed therein.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every Person that shall fall short of producing a Certificate of Squirrels-Scalps or Crows-Heads in Proportion to their Taxables, according to the Directions of this Act, the Justices of the several and respective County-Courts within this Province, at the Time of laying the County Levy, are hereby impowered and required for each Squirrel-Scalp or Crows-Head such Person shall fall short, in manner aforesaid, to levy upon such Person the Sum of Two Pounds of Tobacco; to be upon Execution, and collected by the Sheriff of the County, in the same Manner as the Publick and County Levies are to be applied towards the defraying the County Charge.

Two pounds of Tobacco to be paid for every Squirrel or Crow each Taxable falls short of.

This Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Sessions of Assembly that shall happen after the Three Years.

Duration.

### An ACT for Relieving the Inhabitants of this

Province from sundry Aggrievances they lie under, occasioned by the Scarcity of Tobacco within this Province, in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Four.

**F**ORASMUCH as the Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on the Sixth Day of October, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-Four, Entituled, *An Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Difficulties they may lie under in paying their Levies and other just Debts this Year*, has not sufficiently reliev'd many People within this Province, from the Hardships they laboured under, for want of Tobacco to pay Levies and Officers Fees, but many of them obliged to pass Obligations to the several Sheriffs within this Province, for much larger Sums of Money than ever the Legislature intended they should be obliged to pay for such Debts, which will be the utter Ruin of many Families, if not timely prevented:

By reason of the Scarcity of Tobacco, several Persons have been obliged to pass extravagant Obligations for the same,

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall not be lawful for any Person to commence any Action or Suit whatsoever, upon any Obligation, Note, Bill, or other Writing, which hath been given or pass'd this present Year, for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money for any Tobacco due to any Attorney, Sheriff, or other Officer, for Levies or Fees, which have arisen or become due since the Twenty Fifth Day of December, Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Two, but such Obligations shall be deemed, taken and held to be void, and both Debtors and Creditors in the same State they would have been in, if such Obligations, Bills, or other Writing had not been made or pass'd. And that it shall not be lawful for any Person to take, demand, sue for, or recover, for any Tobacco which hath arisen, or become due since the Time aforesaid, for Levies, Attorneys, or other Officers Fees, any more than the Principal Debt, with Eight per Cent. for the Interest and Damage for the Non-payment thereof; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which Obligationsought to have been paid this Year, for Officers Fees, &c. are not to be sued, but remain in the same State as before,

Allowing 8 per Cent. Interest.