

being, all Letters sent by a Provincial Justice, the Treasurers of each Shore or any naval Officer, endorsed as above directed, shall only be accounted publick Letters.

EVERY Sheriff shall, if required, give a Receipt of the Day and Hour when he received any publick Letter, and when he delivers the same Letter to the next Sheriff or Party to whom directed, he is to take a Receipt of the Time of delivering it.

IF any High Sheriff or his Deputy or Deputies shall refuse to give such Receipt, to be proved by the Person demanding the same; or having received such Letter, wilfully neglects to forward it, so as the same is stopt Twenty Four hours longer than it reasonably needed to be, (respect being had to the Wind and Weather) he shall forfeit *Two Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco in cash, one half for support of Government, and the other half to the Person who will sue for the same.

IF any Person or Persons whatsoever shall presume to break open any Letter or Letters not to them directed, or not having special Licence from those to whom directed, or their Executors or Administrators so to do, they shall upon due Conviction, suffer Six Days Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize, and forfeit *Five Pounds* Sterling, one Moiety thereof towards the Support of the Government, and the other Moiety to him or them who will sue for the same; and in Case the said Letter or Letters so broke open, be publick Letters, they shall suffer *Two Months* Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize, and forfeit *Twenty Pounds* Sterling to be applied as above.

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ACT for regulating Writts of Error,
and granting Appeals from and to
the Courts of Common Law.

NO Execution upon any Judgment, obtained either in the Provincial or other interior Courts of Record, shall be stayed or delayed, or any superedeas upon such Judgment granted or issued forth upon any Appeal or Writ of Error, from any such Court or Courts of Record, to the Court before whom such Appeal ought to be brought, unless such Person or Persons, in whose Name such Appeal or Writ of Error shall be made or brought, or some other in his or their Behalf, upon making such Appeal or suing out such Writ of Error, enter into Bond with sufficient Sureties, (such as the Justices of the Court, by whom Judgment shall be given, or the Keeper of the Seal for the Time being, to whom Application shall be made, shall approve of,) in double the Sum recovered by such Judgment obtained as aforesaid, with Condition “ *That if the Party appelland or Party suing out such Writ of Error as aforesaid, shall not pursue the Directions of this Act after mentioned, at the next Court ensuing, before whom such Appeal or Writ of Error ought to be tried as aforesaid, and prosecute the same Writ with Effect, and also satisfy and pay to the said Party, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, in Case the said Judgment shall be affirmed, as well all and singular the Debts, Damages and Costs adjudged by the Court* “ before