

been exchanged or obtained by Barter or in any Manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly by myself or any other Person, for any Sum or Sums of Money in Gold or Silver, exported or carried from the Province of Maryland by me or any other Person, to the best of my Knowledge.

THE Officer or Officers who shall allow the said *Fifteen Pounds per Cent* as aforesaid, shall be and is hereby obliged and directed to make Oath before passing his or their Accounts, to be administered by one Provincial Justice or two of the Justices of the County Courts, that the Sum or Sums of Money, for which the said Officer or Officers shall crave the Allowance of *Fifteen per Cent* as aforesaid, in his or their Accounts, was or were *Bona fide* paid by the Person or Persons directed as aforesaid to pay the same, to the said Officer or Officers, and that the Oath before directed to be taken by such Person or Persons at the Time of such Payment was taken ; and which Oath being certified by the said Justice or Justices, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Treasurer to allow the Deduction aforesaid to the said Officer or Officers in his or their Accounts aforesaid.

ACT to prevent rigorous Prosecutions on
Passed July } Sheriffs Bonds, Testamentary Admi-
10th, 1729 } nistration and Deputy Commissaries
 Bonds.

IT shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons causing Sheriffs and Testamentary Bond to be sued, to proceed to Judgment, until the Creditor or Creditors clearly make appear to the Court, what the Demand is, which Court are empowered upon the Defendants having Notice given or Notice left at his or their Abode, Twenty Days before the Court, in which the Plaintiffs apply for such Debt or Demand to be assessed, as also a Copy of his, her or their Demands, attested by the Clerk, to assess such Damages or appoint Auditors to adjust such Demands ; whereupon it shall be lawful for such Court to give Judgment to such Creditor or Creditors in the usual Manner, but Execution shall only issue for such Sum as shall be made appear to be due, unless the Party, at whose Request such Bond is sued, or the Defendant or Defendants apply to the Court, praying for a Writ of Enquiry ; which if either Party prays, shall be issued by the Court, to be proceeded in, according to the Directions of the Act of Parliament made the 8th and 9th of King *William* 3d for the better preventing frivolous and vexatious Suits, and the Execution issue for no more than found by the Jury, with Costs and Interest till Payment made or tendered. And where any such Bond is proceeded unto Judgment, no other Creditor shall come in for any Part of the Penalty, under Pretence of any Thing due, without sending a *Scire facias* to be sued within Eighteen

Months