

C H A P. XXI. reward for executing for any public or county levies, public dues or officers fees; and if the sheriff shall transgress this act, he shall be liable to penalties and forfeitures, that officers are liable to by the laws in force, more than are allowed, any usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

How to proceed.

III. 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, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practice used by sheriffs in taking goods by *feri facias*, and selling them by *venditioni exponas*, directs, in case of goods taken by virtue of a *feri facias*, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debts to be discounted, &c.

IV. 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 public 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 public or county levies, public dues or officers fees, and to allow and discount the contents of any note that shall be drawn payable or endorsed to any person being indebted to the sheriffs or 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 public 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 essoin, protection or wager of law shall be allowed.

Proviso.

V. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the sheriff shall not be obliged to discount a parcel so as to break an entire hoghead, except where the parcel shall be due immediately from the sheriff to the debtor, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 4th of Nov. 1724. 1706, ch. 11.

C H A P. XXII. A Supplementary act to the act for encouraging the making hemp and flax within this province. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 39.

C H A P. XXIII. An ACT for the payment and assessment of the public charge of this province for this present year, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 40.

1725. At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, in the county of Anne-Arundel, for the province of Maryland, on Tuesday the 5th day of October, and ended Saturday the 6th day of November, in the 11th year of the dominion of the right honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. *annoque domini* 1725, were enacted the following laws.

CHARLES CALVERT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

Passed 6th of Nov. 1725.

C H A P. I. An ACT for ascertaining the form of the oath of judge or justice. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 41. Dissent.

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