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Lord Proprietary by and with the consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that all male children borne in this province and resident in it shall be accounted Taxables at the age of sixteen years and upwards and all male servants imported into this Province at the age of ten years & upwards shall be accounted Taxables and all Slaves whatso ever whether male or female Imported or borne in the Province at or above the age of ten years shall be likewise accounted Taxables and so rated accordingly and that all Freemen resident in this Province (except Ministers and Priests) shall be taxable being above the age of sixteen years This act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen

An Act declaring what shall be done by the Sheriffe *ex officio*

Whereas certain charges are lately raised in the Province by the Sherifes exacting fees for severall matters & executing severall writts and precepts & for summoning of Jurors in criminall cases and other matters relating to the publick which formerly were done and executed and still ought to be done *ex officio*

Be it therefore enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the authority of the same that from hence forth no Sherif within this Province shall take exact or receive of or from any person whatsoever any fees Salary gratuity or reward for the serving or executing any writt warrant or precept from the Governour or Councell or from any Justice of the peace within this Province or for the doing of any other thing in any the Courts of Record in this Province for any matter or thing or upon any suite or suites in criminall cases but such Sherifes are hereby enjoined to execute the same *ex officio* and every Sherif offending herein shall forfeit the sume of one thousand pounds of Tobacco for every offence one half to the Lord Proprietary and