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hogheads of Tobacco and such hogheads of Tobacco have been received marked and nayed by such Merchants Masters and others trading into and residing in this Province as aforesaid and thereupon the said Creditors have delivered up to the said Debtors their bills or other specialties given for security of the said debts or otherwise the said Debtors have procured Releases and discharges for the Debts yet notwithstanding afterwards the severall Sheriffs within this Province upon pretence of publick debts due from the said persons Debtors have seized the said Creditors Tobacco so received marked and nayed and lying in the said Debtors Tobacco houses and by that means the said Creditors are left without Remedy for Recovery of their said debts againe to the great hindrance of trade and prejudice of such Creditors. And forasmuch as the People of this Province are very much grieved by the severall undue practices of severall Sheriffs of this Province who having authority to collect his Lordships Rents and the publick levys of this Province which many times amounts to as much as some of Tobacco and coming to the severall persons within this Province to demand and receive the same and not finding tobacco ready pacht doe commonly mark the Inhabitants tobacco houses wherein are far greater quantities of Tobacco than will pay the said Rents and levys and order them not to dispose of any the said Tobacco till the same Rents & levys be paid whereby the said Inhabitants are debarred from laying out their said tobaccos where they conveniently may and when necessity requires to their great losse and damage for prevention whereof for the future Be it enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this province 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 any person or persons whatsoever Merchant or others within this Province that hath at any times within these twelve months last past received marked and nayed or for the future