

To act of Assembly This present Generall Assembly being very desirous that all such abuses and disorders may fully & effectually be prevented and avoided for the future And that no Sheriff nor under Sheriff may upon presumption of being long continued in his place attempt to threaten or terrify any of the Inhabitants of this Province by Colour of his office or by his or their Insolent and haughty behaviour Terrify such wronged and abused Inhabitant from making their Just Complaints known for fear of further mischief or revenge from such Sheriff or under Sheriff in any succeeding or future year Doe pray that it may be enacted And 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 That from and after the first day of May which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Seventy nine no Sheriff or under Sheriff of any County within this Province shall continue and remaine in his or their office or Offices of Sheriff or under Sheriff of such County for any longer or greater time then one whole year from the first time of his entrance into such office or offices any Law or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding unless that such Sheriff or Sherifes see to be Commissionated and continued for a longer time then one year for every year after the said first year shall procure from their respective County Courts a Certificate of his or their Just Execution of their offices the proceeding year and that the Justices of the said County Court shawe no Just occasion for his or their Removal

And Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid That if any Sheriff or under Sheriff shall for the future accept of a Commission for the said Office of Sheriff or Subsheriff contrary to the forme intent and true meaning of this act and without such Certificate from the County Court as aforesaid first had and is nowed then every such Sheriff shall forfeit and pay to the Lord Proprietary the sume of two hundred pounds Sterling and every such Sheriff shall forfeit and pay to the Lord Proprietary the sume of one hundred pounds Sterling the one half of both the said forfeitures of the said Sheriff