

Provincer under his or their great seals of this Province for the time being shall be void & null, and it shall be lawful for the said Lord Prop^r and his heirs, to enter upon, seize, possess and dispose of any such Lands & tenements from time to time purchased or acquired from any Indian or other as well at his or their will & pleasure, unless such person or persons so purchasing or acquiring as aforesaid, had some lawfull right or title to the said Lands or tenements so purchased or acquired at the time of such purchase or acquisition by some grant under the great seals of this Province from his said Lordship or his heirs Lords & Prop^rs of the same.

May
1674.

An act declaring what shall be done by the Sheriffs ex officio.

Whereas certain Charges are lately arisen within this Province by J^{ts} Staffs exacting fees for severall matters, and executing severall writs & precepts, and for summoning of Jurors in Criminal Cases and other matters only relating to the Publick, which formerly were done & executed, & still ought to be done ex officio.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r by and with the advice & consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present general Assembly & the authority of the same That from henceforth no Sheriffs within this Province shall take, exact or receive of or from any person whatsoever any fees, gratuity or reward for the serving or executing any writ, warrant or precept from the Govern^r or Council, or from any Justice of the peace within this Province, or for the doing of any other thing in any of the Courts of Records in this Province for any matter or thing or upon any suite or suits in Criminal Causes, but such Sheriffs are hereby enjoined to execute the same ex officio. And every Sheriffe offending herein shall forfeit the sume of one thousand pounds of tobacco for every offence, one halfe to the Lord Prop^r & the other halfe to the party grieved. And one Act made at an Assembly held at S^t. Marios in the year 1662 Entituled An Act declaring what shall be done by the Sheriffs ex officio, is hereby Repealed.

April 1662.

(1650)

An act for the Levying of warr within this Province

This Assembly humbly prays that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Assembly That if the Lord Proprietary or his heirs or any Deputy or Deputies Lieutenant or other chief Govern^rs of this Province shall at any time hereafter make any