

Complaints from severall partyes of this Province
Sheweth of Severall Sheriffs, Subsheriffs and
their Exactings and Extorting Great Sums of money
due and Lawfull fees. Ascertained by the Act of the
Province from severall of the Inhabitants of this Province and
the Laws of this Province have inflicted a severe penalty upon
Officers that shall Charge and receive more then the due fees yet
Said Officers have most cunningly and craftily evaded the said Law
by taking Bills and Writings Obligatory without ever delivering
any Au^t. Signed under their hand as the Law directs so that the party
grieved cannot sufficiently prove the said Extorsions and so is
left without Remedy for prevention whereof **Be it Enacted**
By the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice & Consent
of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same That
no Sheriffe Sub-Sheriffe or Deputy Comissary within this Province
the publication of this Act in their severall and respective Counties
wherein they dwell shall take any Bond Bill or any other writing
Obligatory of any person or persons upon any pretence whatsoever
without endorsing the Au^t on the back of the said Bond Bill or
Obligatory for which the same was passed and if any Sheriffe Justice
or Deputy Comissary within this Province shall during the time he
remain in his place or Office upon any pretence whatsoever
take any Bond Bill or writing Obligatory without endorsing the Au^t
on the back of the said Bill Bond or writing Obligatory
By which it may appear upon a Consideration the same
the said Bill Bond or writing obligatory shall be void and of
no effect and the Officer or Officers that take the same shall
for ever be debarred of being another Comissary
within this Province any Law Statute or usage to the contrary
in that behalf notwithstanding.