

18. An Act for more speedy Conveying of publick
Letters and pacquets of this province and defraying the
Expenses thereof. Be it enacted by

forasmuch as because of the inhabitants of this province have
been formerly subject to great and manifest inconveniences by
reason of the want of Posts under the post of Carrying and
Conveying of publick letters and pacquets for movement whereof
such shall be established for the future to take publick letters
and pacquets relating to the Province or the publick service of this
Province. Received and accepted by the General Assembly do
hereinafter. That the Post Office of this present General Assembly do
proceed to make and

Be it enacted by the most Excellent Majesty by
and with the advice and consent of the Most Excellent Councilor
General and Council of the Province and the Authority of the same
that the Post Master of the said Province be, and is hereby, by and Com-
manded to take care of the publick letters and pacquets and ex-
ecuted to convey them according to the directions to the
nearest Post Office of the adjacent County. And for the Encour-
agement of the Post Master and respective Sheriffs and their Deputies
in their conveying such publick letters and pacquets. That they may be
allowed in general sum of one hundred Pounds
for every hundred pound of tobacco who is hereby obliged to carry
all such letters and pacquets as are directed and must go over to
the post office of New England and not enough paid directed to the
Sheriff of Talbot County or his Deputy. To the Sheriff of Talbot County
one hundred pounds of tobacco who is hereby obliged to carry
all such letters and pacquets as are directed to the post office of
the said post office to the said post office to the said hundred pounds
of tobacco who is also bound, obliged to carry all such letters and
pacquets as are directed to the post office of New Haven
and deliver them to the Sheriff of New Haven post office except the