

An Act for stay of execution after the tenth of May

Whereas many of the Inhabitants of this Province are and have been exceedingly griev'd and burthen'd by executions laid upon them for Tobacco in summer time when it is not possible for them to procure Tobacco for the payment and satisfaction of their Creditors & means whereof they are oblig'd to be kept in prison a long time and thereby disabled from making and tending their Crops to the great prejudice if not ruine of many the Inhabitants of this Province being thereby left destitute of any means to satisfy their Creditors for provision to be made for the future

It is enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys privy Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Justices of the Peace that after the tenth day of May in any Year no Execution shall issue out of any Court of this Province against the Body or Goods of any person or persons inhabiting within this Province till the tenth day of November next or until the tenth day of November in any Year ensuing for any Debt or Debts or upon any Account Judgment or Judgment of Court that is recovered against the Inhabitants of a certain this Province in the Provincial or any County Courts of this Province for any Cause matter or Summ whatsoever provided such person or persons against whom any such Judgment is obtained together with two other persons such as the Justice shall approve of come before one Justice or more of the Provincial Court or two Justices or more of the respective County Courts where such Judgment is obtained as aforesaid and shall cause Judgment for his Debt and Costs of Suit adjudged with stay of execution till the tenth day of November next for this present year or until the tenth day of November in any other year next following and then of private Certificates under the hand of the same Justice or Justices before whom such Judgment shall be obtained and such Certificates shall be a sufficient Warrant to the Sheriff to forbear serving Execution upon the Body or Goods of the person so obtaining such Certificate And if the party beladen in Execution before such Certificate be produced then such Certificate being obtained aforesaid shall be