

An Act restraining the Sheriffs of this Province
and Deputy Commissioners.

Whereas there have been divers great Complaints from several parts of this Province to this General Assembly of several Sheriffs and Deputy Commissioners of their exacting and extorting great Sums of Tobacco above their due and lawful Fees appointed by the Act of Assembly of this Province from several of the Inhabitants of this Province and also the Laws of this Province have inflicted a severe penalty upon any Officer that shall Charge and receive more than his due Fees — Yet the said Officers have most cunningly and craftily evaded the said Laws by taking Bills or writings obligatory without ever delivering any Account signed under their Hands as the Law directs so that the party grieved cannot sufficiently prove the said Delation and is left without Remedy, for Prevention whereof

Be it enacted by the Queen most Excellent Majesty
by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour —
Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the
Same that no Sheriff, Sub Sheriff or Deputy Commissioner within this Province after the publication of this Act in their several and respective Counties wherein they dwell shall take any Bond Bill or any other writing obligatory of any person or persons ^{upon and preferred} what soever without entering the Account on the back of the said Bond Bill or writing obligatory for which the same was paid And if any Sheriff, Sub Sheriff or Deputy Commissioner within this Province shall during the time that he remains in his place or Office upon any pretence what soever take any Bond Bill or Writing obligatory without endorsing the Account on the back of the said Bond Bill or writing obligatory as aforesaid by which it may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken the said Bill Bond or writing obligatory