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with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Council
this province and the Authority of the same that there shall be
any person or persons what soever having any Cause to impede any
or persons what soever living or residing within this province upon any
Bill of Exchange drawn for any sum or sums of Money what soever pay-
able in England or elsewhere and brought in here protested more than the
sum of twenty pounds per Cent. Damages over and above the Debt due
and recovered together with ordinary Costs of Suits Any Law Statute Usage
or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid
that if any person or persons draw any Bill of Exchange upon any
person or persons or Society and Company in England or elsewhere out of
this province and the same be protested and the protested Bills be
returned into this province within four Years after the date of such Bills
that then the Debt occasioned by the non acceptance or non payment of
such Bills shall be accounted a Debt of equal Value with any spe-
cially and in payment of Debts by Executors or Administrators
be preferred before any other Debt which is not under hand and seal
Such executor or Admin^r having timely Notice of such protest
Bills of Exchange Any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwith-
standing.

Sept 23^d 1704.

Read and assented to by the House
of Delegates W. Hayward (Clerk)

Sept 26th 1704

Read and assented to by the Hon^{ble}
Council W. Staden (Clerk)

Maryland October 3^d 1704

On the behalf of her Majesty's Council this be a Law.

Great Seal

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