

in the said Executors as fully and absolutely as in and by the said will and the Statute in that behalf made respectively bearing date the 10th day of June 1696 and the Statute in that behalf made bearing date the 10th day of June 1696 and the Statute in that behalf made bearing date the 10th day of June 1696

9 Nov 10 1709 Read and assented to by the house of Delegates - Signed for W. Wayland
9 Nov 10 1709 Read and assented to by her Majesty's honorable Council in assembly - Signed for W. Bladen & Council

Nov 11 1709 On the Behalf of her most Sacred Majesty Queen Anne of Great Brittain & Wee Will this be a Law

Sealed

Edw. Lloyd Tho. Greenfield
Wm. Holland Th. Greenberry
Wm. Coursey John Hall
Thos. Arnall Wm. Whittington

Proposed 9 Nov 1713 by the Act of Direction for the Sheriff's Office for the more easy way of the Publick and County debts

An Act to reforme the ill practice of High Sheriffs within this Province
Whereas Complaint hath been made to this present Generall Assembly that severall Sheriffs within this province being indebted to severall of the Inhabitants thereof as well for orders drawn on them for publick debts as for their private debts will not discount the same out of any publick or County Levy due to such Sheriff but will Compell such persons to take and receive for such debt or debts in sufficient Tobacco in remote and inconvenient places and take the body or goods of such persons in Execution with Intent to Extort from them their best and finest Tobacco or some other illegall and unreasonable allowance - or all any to the great prejudice of severall of the Inhabitants of this province for prevention whereof Be it Enacted by the Queen most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her Majesty's Council and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that if any high Sheriff or high Sheriff be indebted to any person or persons shall refuse to discount or allow the same out of any publick or County Levy due from such person or persons but will notwithstanding the debt being due from the Sheriff take the body of such person in Execution shall be Lyable to be prosecuted for false Imprisonment - And in case such Sheriff do take the body of such person in Execution but shall take any of his goods or remain in Execution whilst the Sheriff remain in such persons debt shall be deemed taken as a trespassor and Lyable to the same prosecution penalties and forfeitures as if any private person had took the said goods, And be it further Enacted that the high Sheriff of every respective County shall be Lyable to be Sued as at for his own or any of his deputies offence or offences against this act in the debts mentioned which the Sheriff may owe to any Inhabitant and to be in the hand of such debts as are assigned the Inhabitants in the publick or County Levy due from the high Sheriff by Bill Bond note or account proved any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding this act to endure for the term of five years and no longer