

Sailor or any other person whatsoever shall presume to import into this Province any such Convicted Felons or Malefactors whatsoever to sell give pay or any other wayes or in any other manner to dispose of either into their own Plantation (if any they have) or into any Inhabitant of this Province whatsoever And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid That if any Master of a Shipp Merchant Sailor or other person whatsoever from & after the first day of November next shall import & bring into this Province any such Convicted Felons or Malefactors & shall sell give pay or any other wayes dispose of unto any Inhabitant of this Province such Felons or Malefactors as aforesaid shall forfeit & pay for every such Convicted Felon or Malefactor so imported sold given paid or any other wayes disposed of unto any Inhabitant of this Province the Summe of two Thousand pounds of tobacco the one halfe to the Lord Propriety the other halfe to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered by Bill plaint or Informacion in any Court of Record within this Province whereon noe Effoynd wayer nor protection in Lawe to be allowed This Act to continue for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen

### An Act for securing Creditors

Whereas there are now Prisons build in every County, And forasmuch as they were intended for the safe keeping of Prisoners that Creditors might be secured to have their debts paid after Judgement & Execution served And that Criminalls might be brought to condigne punishment: Be it Enacted by the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Propriety by & with the advice & consent of the upper & lower houses of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly That every Sheriffe within this Province that shall have any Prisoners committed to his Charge in any Criminall case whatsoever shall safe keep the said Prisoners or Prisoners till they be delivered by due course of Lawe And if any Sheriffe shall suffer any such Prisoners to Escape voluntarily or negligently shall forfeit Twenty Thousand pounds of tobacco to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Propriety, the one halfe thereof to be employed in strengthening the Prison of the County, the other towards the maintenance of poore Prisoners. Be it further Enacted by the Authority & by & with the advice & consent aforesaid That when any person or persons are taken by the severall & respective Sheriffes of the severall & respective Counties in Execution for debt or upon other meane Proceedings the said severall & respective Sheriffes shall safely keep and restrain the said Prisoners by such meane & in such manner as Prisoners in England by the Lawe of England or may be restrained And if any Sheriffe shall voluntarily or negligently suffer any such Prisoner to Escape, such Sheriffe