

The 11 day of Nov^r 1713

Assembly of this province entitled an act to reform the ill practice of the High Sheriff within this province made a session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the twenty fifth day of November Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and nine be and is hereby repealed and made void - - -

9^o Nov^r 1713

Read and assented to by the house of delegates and signed by order of

Rich^d Bellam
Ch^o Sec^y

Novemb^r 9^o 1713
Read and assented to by her maj^{ty} Honourable Council & signed by
W^{illiam} Bladen Ch^o Council

On the behalf of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne of Great Brittain etc
Will this be a law. Edw^o Lloyd Pr^ovid^o

An Act for the more speedy Conveying of publick Letters and packets of this province and defraying the Charge thereof and to prevent the abuses of breaking open and Concealing any Letters whatsoever - - -

Forasmuch as severall of the Inhabitants of this province have been formerly Subject to great and manifest Inconvenience by pressing officers (under pretext of Carrying and Conveying publick Letters and packets) for prevention whereof and that due Care may be taken for the future that all publick Letters and packets relating to her maj^{ty} or the publick Service of this province be securely and Expeditionally Conveyed according to their directions the delegates of this present year Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted -

And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent maj^{ty} by and with the advice and Consent of her maj^{ty}s prudent Council and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same, that the Sheriff of each respective County is hereby appointed and Commanded to take Care of all publick Letters and packets and Expeditionally Convey them according to their respective directions to the Sheriff or under Sheriff of the next adjacent County, and for the Encouragement of the severall and respective Sheriffs and their diligence in Conveying such publick Letters and packets that they may be allowed the severall sums hereafter expressed to be laid in the publick Treasury of this province (that is to say) to the Sheriff of