

to the high Sheriff and require him to Certifie to the next Justice of peace  
 at whose Suit and for what Summe the said prisoner is in Execution w<sup>ch</sup>  
 Certificate the Sheriff shall make Gratis and give to Such person requiring  
 the same within five hours after such demand under penalty of two  
 thousand pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup>. in Case to be forfeited by the high Sheriff if he  
 wilfully refuse to make the same the One half thereof to the use of  
 the party aggrieved and Successors for the Support of government the other half to  
 of this province, which Certificate so Obtained any friend or agent of such  
 prisoner shall shew to such next Justice of peace and if such friend or  
 agent will aver that the prisoner hath to base ready to pay Such  
 Debt or damages recovered Convenient and that such friend will open and  
 shew the same the said Justice of peace shall either go in person or send two  
 discreet persons freeholders as aforesaid sworn before him to view the tobacco and  
 weigh it and make report there of and if it happen the tobacco is found  
 Merchantable and of such weight to discharge the whole summe demanded  
 in the Execution then shall the said Justice give notice to the Sheriff in  
 writing und<sup>er</sup> the hand of such Justice by the agent of such prisoner  
 that except Such Sheriff Com<sup>er</sup> and shew good Cause to the contrary  
 that the said Justice will cause the Tob<sup>o</sup>. tobacco to be marked on  
 the Creditors Risque and if Cause be not shewed within forty eight  
 hours after the Date and service of such writing which shall be  
 dated on or at a certain hour of a certain Day that then the Justice  
 shall cause the said tobacco to be marked and numbered and shall  
 send the Sheriff a Cert<sup>ificat</sup> of the mark number weight and place where  
 such tobacco lay on the Creditors acct and in Case the prisoner is not  
 in his Custody on any other acct he shall suffer him paying or giving  
 security for his fees to go at large and shall not be answerable upon  
 any action of Treason and if after this the Sheriff detain the prisoner  
 any longer in prison such detaining shall be adjudged false  
 imprisonment

9<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1713. Read and assented to by the House of Commons  
 delegates and signed for and<sup>ed</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam (Ch<sup>ie</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>)  
 Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1713  
 Read and assented to by her  
 Majesty's most Excellent Council  
 sign<sup>d</sup> for W<sup>m</sup> Hudson (Sec<sup>y</sup>)  
 On the behalf of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne of Great Brittain  
 I will thus be glad  
 Edw<sup>d</sup> Lloyd Sec<sup>y</sup>

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 An Act for regulating writs of Error and  
 Granting appeals from and to the Courts of Common Law  
 within this province  
 Forasmuch as the Liberty of appeals and writs of Error  
 (from)