

for longer than three years after the said first day of June seven hundred and sixteen -

May the 31st 1715 -
Read and assented to by the house of Delegates
and signed of ord. Tho: Mactummarah

May the 30th 1715 Read and assented
to by his maj^{ty} hon^{ble} Council &
signed of ord. W. Bladen Sec^y

June the 3rd 1715
On the Behalf of his most Sacred Majesty King George of Great Britain
I will this be a Law. Jo: Hart

Sealed

And Act for the direction of Sheriffs in their
offices and restraining their Ill Practices within this
province -

Be it enacted by the kings most excellent majesty by and
with the advice and Consent of his majestys Governour Councill and
Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that no
Sheriff under Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff shall seize any tobacco
unstript or seize or mark any merchants or others tobacco
received marked and nailed for any Cause whatsoever but only
for Levys due to the Publi^k County parish or for the port per
poll to the Minister and the severall Sheriffs are hereby -
Impowered to break the Lock of any Tobacco house or other
houses where tobacco is or shall be secured with designe to
prevent the said Sheriff from seizing such tobacco for Levies and
dues as afo^r and any Sheriff so seizing or marking any hoggshead
or hoggsheads of tobacco containing more than what is fully due
for Levies and dues as afores^d without Satisfaction to the person
to whom such tobacco doth belong as by giving Credit or
suffering him to take the overplus out of such hoggshead of
tobacco at the Choice of the party paying or owing the same
shall pay for every such default the sum of two thousand⁰⁰
of tobacco one half to his majesty his heirs and successors for
Support of Government the other half to the party Griev'd to
be recovered in any Court of record of this province by action of
Debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Esco^r protection or
wager of Law to be allowed - And if it shall so happen
that at any time any Sheriff shall seize any hoggshead of -
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