

Commissioners of any County Court taking such bond and not causing the same to be so transmitted within the time aforesaid forfeit to his majesty his heirs and Successors fifteen hundred p^{ts} of tobacco the one half whereof shall be applied to the Support of Government and the other to the Performer or such person that will sue for the same to be recovered in the provinciale Court of this province wherein no Escoyn protection or wago of Law shall be allowed, And the said Secretary and his Chief Clerk of the provinciale Court shall be obliged at the next Council after receiving any sheriff bond or bonds into the Secretary's office to lay the same before his Excellency the Governour of this province for the time being for his approbation or disallowance of the Security taken by the County Courts, And the said Commissioners are hereby required and enforced to take new security yearly and every year of such sheriffs so long as they shall continue in the said office and transmit the same as aforesaid having a special regard not to admit any person to be security as aforesaid but such as are good and substantial freeholders within their Counties and also to make the obligation of such bond so to be taken from any sheriff answerable to the Publick Charge of their respective Counties with Penally shall not be less than two hundred thousand pounds of tobacco as aforesaid. And for the encouragement of such persons now bearing or that shall hereafter bear the office of sheriff and who shall punctually Comply with the Publick Creditors -

It is also hereby further ENACTED by the authority aforesaid and Consent aforesaid that it shall and may be lawfull for his maj^{ty} Governour for the time being where no just Complaint is made by such sheriffs to Continue and make good their Commission for the time and term of three years successively but no longer -

And be it further ENACTED by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid that if any high sheriff or high sheriff being 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 same debt being due from the sheriff take the body or goods of such person in execution shall be liable to be prosecuted in an action of trespass or false imprisonment as the Case shall require -

And be it further ENACTED that the high sheriff of every respective County shall be liable to be sued as aforesaid for his
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