

(31) without making a fraction of a pound of Tobacco how much of Cent such Defalcations amount to and the said Commissioners are hereby further required to proportion the money such Sheriff shall receive for Levys to the severall Claims of the Creditors as aforesaid, and shall within or not exceeding three days after the said Twelfth day of January certify to the Sheriff under their hands and seals a List of the Sums of Tobacco he shall be obliged to Credit every debtor for untill next year, and also how much for Cent he is to deduct from his own and the other publick Creditors Claims this year, and Ballances due to him for Levys last year, and likewise how much of the remaining Sum according to their due Proportion every such Creditor shall be obliged to Receive from the Sheriff in money, provided always such Payments in money be made or tendered to the Creditor by the Sheriff by the twentieth Day of February next. The form of a Oath or affirmation of a Quaker, required by this Act to be taken by Debtors for Levys is as follows Viz. I. A. B. do declare that since I knew or heard that the Act of Assembly was made Intituled an Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some difficulties they may be under in paying their Levys, I Officers, I was and still am Country Tobacco debts this year, I have not had nor now have any Tobacco belonging to me to pay my Levys, nor any part thereof nor any publick or County allowance or debts due to me from the Sheriff of this County, to Discount nor any Debt or debts due to me from any other person or persons, that I can now get to pay the same save only such Tobacco as hath been already taken from me by Distress or Execution. Thus far the Oath if they have no Tobacco but when the Case is so that they have some Tobacco but not sufficient then to be added, I save only about the quantity of _____ pounds of Tobacco which I will take the best Care I can to preserve and pay in part of my Levys when thereunto required, and in case the Person swearing or affirming be such as do not usually make Tobacco nor can procure it then the same Oath or affirmation to be taken Altering only the word Money instead of Tobacco, and the form of the Certificate from the Justice administering the Oath prescribed as above shall always be in the words following or to that Effect. Viz. These are to Certify that this _____ day of _____ 1772 _____ Came A. B. before me and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, or if a Quaker made his Affirmation that since he knew or heard that the Act of Assembly was made Intituled an Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some difficulties they may be under in paying their Levys, he has not had nor now hath any Tobacco or money belonging to him to pay his Levys nor any part thereof, nor any publick or County allowance or debts due to him from the Sheriff of this County, to Discount nor any Debt or debts due to him from any other person or persons, or that he can now get to pay the same save only such Tobacco or money as hath been already taken from him by Distress or Execution. Thus far the Certificate if they have no Tobacco nor money, but when the case is that they have some Tobacco or money, but not sufficient then to be added I save only about the quantity of _____ pounds of Tobacco, or Sum of money which he will take the best Care he can to preserve and pay in part of his Levys when thereunto required Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ Anno Domini 1772 And be it Enacted that the severall persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for their severall and respective Counties for the due Execution of the severall Trusts and Authorities reposed in them by this Act. Viz. for Saint Marys County Gellonell Thomas Freeman Greenfield Master John Leigh and Master Michael James for Kent County Master Abraham Redgrave Master James Smith Clerk of the County Court, and Master Thomas Ringout for Ann Arundell County