

“ Provided always, That when any Person, who shall be indebted for
 “ Public or County Levies, Clergy’s Dues, Parochial Charges, Officers and
 “ Attorneys Fees, shall refuse to shew Tobacco to the Sheriff, or any o-
 “ ther Goods or Chattels to be distrained; that then and in such Cases it
 “ shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff to take such Person in Execution
 “ for such Levies, Dues, Charges and Fees: And the Sheriffs shall before
 “ the last Day of *June*, yearly, pay and deliver to each Creditor, accord-
 “ ing to their respective Debts or Claims, all the Inspectors Notes he hath
 “ received in Satisfaction thereof; and if any Sheriff shall refuse or delay
 “ to make Payment accordingly if required, he or they so refusing or de-
 “ laying shall forfeit and pay to the Party grieved double the Value of the
 “ Tobacco so refused and delayed to be paid, to be recovered with Costs,
 “ if the Party Creditor only inclines to sue the Sheriff; or otherwise, if he
 “ sues his Bond, in this Case the Creditor shall only take his Debt, Inte-
 “ rest and Costs out of the Sheriff’s Bond that shall be sued.” And for-
 asmuch as there is not any Provision made therein, in case it should happen
 that any the Inhabitants of this Province should endeavour to conceal them-
 selves, or remove their Effects, so that at the Time mentioned therein
 their Goods or Persons should not be forthcoming, to answer the said
 Sheriffs for Public or County Levies, Parochial Charges, Officers and Law-
 yers Fees, or other Claims due from such Person to any Sheriff, on Ac-
 counts delivered before the twentieth of *February* yearly: For Remedy
 whereof for the future,

Be it likewise Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any the
 Sheriffs within this Province, and they are hereby directed and required, at
 any Time between the twentieth Day of *February* and the tenth Day of
June next following, on Notice being to them respectively given, that any
 or either of the Inhabitants of the respective Counties, who is indebted to
 them respectively as aforesaid (for which an Account hath been before the
 said twentieth Day of *February* delivered to, or left at the Dwelling-
 House of the said Party), that the said Party is about to withdraw, or hath
 withdrawn himself or his Effects, from the Place of his or her Residence,
 whereby the said Sheriff may be hindered from executing the same accord-
 ing to Law; that then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful for the
 said Sheriff to apply himself to any Magistrate of the County; and on such
 Sheriff’s Application to, and on Oath made by the said Sheriff or some o-
 ther credible Person before the said Magistrate, that the Sheriff, or such
 Person, is informed and verily believes that such Debtor is about to with-
 draw, or hath withdrawn him or herself, or his or her Effects, out of the
 said County, and thereby prevent the said Sheriff from executing such
 Debtor, or his or her Effects, for the Tobacco or Money so as aforesaid due
 to him; which Oath shall be made in Writing, and left with the said Ma-
 gistrate, and by him returned to the next County Court; and the said
 Magistrate shall then give the said Sheriff a Warrant from under his Hand
 and Seal, and thereby direct and empower the said Sheriff to levy the To-
 bacco or Money, so as aforesaid due to him, in the same Manner as he
 might do by the recited Act aforesaid, after the said tenth Day of *June*;
 all which the said Sheriff shall do by Virtue of his Office, without any Ex-
 ecution Fee.

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Provided nevertheless, And it is the true Intent and Meaning of this
 Act, That if any Debtor as aforesaid absconding, or about to abscond, will
 give such Sheriff good and sufficient Security for the Payment of all such
 Public or County Levies, Parochial Charges, Officers or Lawyers Fees, at
 any Time before such Distress and Sale made, that then and in such Case,
 the Sheriff shall, and is hereby obliged to take the same.

Proviso:

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