

any Quantity
of Tobacco
for repairing
the said
House, &c.

the Year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-one, shall be, and are hereby em-
powered and required, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the
said County, any Quantity they may judge necessary, not exceeding Forty-
five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, over and above the Sheriff's Salary of
Six *per Cent.* for collecting the same, for taking and pulling down the pre-
sent Chimney to the said Conference Chamber, and building and erecting a
Chimney to the said House, in the Passage leading from the Council Room
to the Conference Chamber, as near alike as may be in the Part thereof out
of the Roof to the Chimney of King *William* School, and for erecting and
putting up a Bench or Seat, for the Justices, Bar and Galleries for Jurors in
the said House, and for making, above Stairs, Two Jury Rooms, and for
repairing and otherwise fitting up the said House and Room, as convenient as
may be, for a Court-House and County Clerk's Office; and also for rough
casting the Walls of the said House, Room, and King *William* School afore-
said; which said Tobacco so to be assessed, shall and may be collected by
the Sheriff, for the Time being, in the same Manner that the Public and
County Levies are by Law to be collected, and shall be payable, in Money,
at the same Rates as such Levies are payable; and all Monies and Tobacco
that shall be collected as aforesaid, shall be laid out and expended by the
Justices aforesaid, for the Time being, in and for the Purposes aforesaid,
and by the Sheriff who shall collect the same paid to their Order or Orders.

C H A P. XV.

A Supplementary ACT to the Act, entitled, *An Act for the
Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices, and restraining their ill
Practices within this Province.*

Preamble re-
citing Part of
a former Act.

WHEREAS by the said Act it was among other Things enacted,
that no Sheriff, or Sub-Sheriff, within this Province, after the
Publication thereof, in their several and respective Counties
wherein they dwell, should take any Bond, Bill, or any other Writing ob-
ligatory, of any Person, or Persons, upon any Pretence whatsoever, with-
out indorsing the Account on the Back of the said Bond, Bill, or Writing
obligatory, for which the same was passed; and, that if any Sheriff, or
Sub-Sheriff, within this Province, should, during the Time that he re-
mained in his Place, or Office, upon any Pretence whatsoever, take any
Bill, Bond, or Writing obligatory, without indorsing the Account on the
Back Side of the said Bill, Bond, or Writing obligatory, as aforesaid,
by which it might appear upon what Consideration the same was taken,
the said Bond, Bill, or Writing obligatory, should be void and of no Ef-
fect; and the Officer, or Officers that took the same should lose his Debt,
and for ever be debarred of suing any other Action for the Recovery of the
same. And, whereas it is found by Experience, that the said Provision hath
been often eluded by Sheriffs, and Under Sheriffs, their taking Promissory
Notes and other written Securities, for Fees by them illegally charged,
without indorsing on such Notes the Account for which the Sum mentioned
in such Notes became due, which hath been understood not to be within
the Provision of the said Act above recited, to the great Damage and Injury
of many of the good People of this Province. For Remedy whereof,

Sheriffs, after
the 1st Feb.
taking any
Mortgage,
&c. without
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Account
thereon, for
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II. *Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with
the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses
of Assembly, and the Authority of the same,* That no Sheriff, or Sub-Sheriff,
within this Province, after the First Day of February next, shall take any
Mortgage, Promissory Note, or inland Bill of Exchange whatever, of any
Person, or Persons, upon any Pretence whatsoever, without indorsing the
Account on such Mortgage, Promissory Note, or Bill of Exchange, for
which the same was passed. And if any Sheriff, or Sub-Sheriff, within
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