

An ACT for the Support of the Clergy of the Church of England in this Province.

BE it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That every taxable Inhabitant within this Province shall, on or before the Tenth Day of June, in every Year during the Continuance of this Act, pay unto the Sheriff of his County, to and for the Support and Maintenance of his Minister, Thirty Pounds of inspected Tobacco, in Inspectors Notes; or in Money on Thirty-two Pounds of Tobacco, in Gold or Silver, at the Rates expressed and limited in the Act, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, and no more; and after the said Tenth Day of June yearly, every Person shall be obliged to pay on the said Thirty-two Pounds of Tobacco, in Gold or Silver, as aforesaid. And, if any Taxable shall neglect or refuse to pay and discharge the said Money in Gold and Silver, at the Rates aforesaid, on or before the Tenth Day of August, in any Year during the Continuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Sheriffs of the several and respective Counties of this Province, and they are hereby directed and required to collect, from every such taxable Inhabitant, the said Money, in Gold or Silver, at the Rates aforesaid, by way of Distress and Sale of the Goods, or Execution on the Person chargeable therefor, in the same Manner as they are authorized and directed to collect, distrain, and execute, for the County Levy, by the said Act, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*. And the said Sheriffs shall, and they are hereby required, before the last Day of June yearly, to pay to the Incumbent of each Parish, in their several and respective Counties, all the Tobacco they shall have received from the taxable Inhabitants of their several and respective Parishes, before the said Tenth Day of June yearly, and shall also, before the last Day of August yearly, pay to each Incumbent all the Money they shall have collected and received, or which by Law they ought to have collected and received, retaining Five per Centum only on such Tobacco and Money for Collection thereof. And if any Sheriff shall not make Payment according to the Directions of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay to the Incumbent and his Executors and Administrators, if Suit be brought against the Sheriff only, double the Tobacco or Money which such Sheriff shall or ought to have collected, to be recovered with Costs, by Action of Debt or on the Case founded on this Act, in which it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to allege, that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff, or received to the Plaintiff's Use the Sums of Money or Tobacco claimed by him; whereby the Plaintiff's Action accrued according to the Form of this Act, without setting forth the special Matter; or the Incumbent, or his Executors or Administrators, may sue and recover on the Sheriff's Bond, against such Sheriff and his Sureties, the Tobacco or Money which such Sheriff shall or ought to have collected, with Interest thereon, from the Time the said Tobacco or Money shall respectively become due and payable.

Every taxable Inhabitant to pay 30lb. of inspected Tobacco, or in Money on 32lb. of Tobacco, for the Maintenance of his Minister, &c.

Penalty on Sheriffs neglecting to pay to the Incumbents the Tobacco and Money they have received.

II. And be it enacted, That every Sheriff, on Information that any Inhabitant of his County is about to abscond or remove his Effects from the Place of his Residence, may and shall, at any Time between the last Day of February and the Tenth Day of August yearly, apply himself to some

Persons about to abscond may be executed, &c.