

have been burthened and Grieved with Attachments it is Enacted and declared in the name of his Highness the Lord Protector of England and with the Assent and Authority of this present General Assembly that no Attachment shall or may be laid upon any the Goods or Chattels of any the Inhabitants of this Province except the true Owner thereof be not at the same time resident or dwelling in the Province or that the Party indebted return a Positive answer upon a Just demand of any just Debt that he will not pay the same debt and this to be proved by the Testimony of two sworn Witnesses upon oath of his Refusal to pay the said debt or debts that then Attachment may be served upon any Tobacco of the debtor or debtors denying Payment as aforesaid and whosoever shall Attach more then a fourth part over and Above the Value of the debt shall bear the damage of the Attachment and damages of the Party

And be it further enacted that no Execution may or shall be laid upon any the Goods and Chattels of any the Inhabitants or other dwellers of this Province so far as to deprive them of all Livelyhood for the future and that Corn for necessary maintenance bedding Gun Axe Pot and necessary Labourious tools with such like household implements and ammunition for subsistence shall be protected from all Attachments or Execution so long as he or they shall be resident and Inhabit within the Province

Provided that such as shall be found by Proof or other Circumstance wilfully to absent themselves in the Woods or other where from the Sheriffs sight whereby they cannot be brought to a Legal tryal and such also