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Statute usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

An Act for restraining the Extortions of Sherriffs Subsherriffs  
& Deputy Comissarys

Whereas there hath been diverse and great Complaints from severall partys of this Province to this Present Gen<sup>l</sup> p. 181  
Assembly of Severall Sherriffs, Subsherriffs and Deputy Comissarys of there Exacting and Extorting Great Sums of Tobbacco above their due and Lawfull ffees Ascertaind by the Act of Assembly of this Province from Severall of the Inhabitants of this Province and tho the Laws of this Province have inflicted a severe penalty upon any Officer that shall Charge and receive more then his due ffees yett the said Officers have most Cunningly and Craftily evaded the said Laws by Takeing Bills and Writeings Obligatory without ever delivering any Acc<sup>t</sup> Signed under their hand as the Law directs so that the party Grieved Cannot Sufficiently prove the said Extortions and so is left without Remedy for prevention whereof Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Māty by and with the Advice & Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That no Sherriffe Sub-Sherriffe or Deputy Comissary within this Province after the publication of this Act in their Severall and respective Countys wherein they Dwell shall take any Bond Bill or any other writeing Obligatory of any person or persons upon any pretence whatsoever without Endorsing the Acc<sup>t</sup> on the Back of the said Bond Bill or writing obligatory for which the same was passed and if any Sherriffe Subsherriffe or Deputy Comissary within the Province shall dureing the time that he remain in his place or Office upon any pretence whatsoever take any Bond Bill or writing Obligatory without Endorsing the Accompt on the back of the said Bill Bond or writing Obligatory as afores<sup>d</sup> by which it may Appear upon w<sup>t</sup> Consideration the Same was taken the Bill Bond or Writing obligatory shall be Void and of no Effect and the Officer or Officers that took the same shall loose his Debt and forever be debarred of suing another Action for the recovery of the Same any Law Statute or usage to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding And That whereas the said Officers are prohibited p. 182  
from takeing Bills upon any pretence whatsoever dureing the time they remaine in Office to the intent the said Officers may receive no Damage by the Act of Assembly for Limitation of Actions

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the time the said Officers remain in Office shall not be reckoned