

Lib. L. L. publick Letter he shall if required give a receipt for the same  
No. 64. shewing the day and hour when he received the same and when  
he deliver's the same Letter to the next Sheriffe or party to  
whom Directed the party that receives the same shall Likewise  
if required give such Like receipt to the Sheriffe that first Re-  
ceived it and if any high Sher or his Deputy or Deputy's for  
whom the high Sheriffe shall be answerable shall refuse to  
give such receipt to be proved by the Oath of the Person de-  
manding such receipt or having received such letter shall will-  
fully Neglect Imediately to forward such Letter as Directed, so  
that such Letter is Stopped Twenty four hours Longer then it  
reasonably need be (respect being had to the wind & Weather)  
the high Sheriffe shall forfeit the sume of two thousand pounds  
of tob<sup>o</sup> in Caske the one Moyety thereof to our Sovereigne  
Lady the Queen her heirs and Successors for the Support of  
Government of this province the other Moiety to him or them  
that will sue for the same to be recovered by action of Debt in  
any Court of Record in this province, and such Neglect of such  
p. 278 Sherr<sup>s</sup> shall be Evidenced by the date of the receipts :

And the better to ascertain what Letters shall be accounted  
publick Letters:

Be it Enacted by the Authority advice and Consent a<sup>d</sup> that  
all Letters directed to the Governour of this Province for the  
time being Endorsed for her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Service and all Letters sent  
by the Governour haveing his or the Clerk of the Councils  
name Endorst and for her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Service directed to any pson  
Whatsoever and all Letters sent by any Member of her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s  
Council w<sup>th</sup> the subscribers name Endorst and for her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s  
Service and all Letters sent by a Justice of the Provinciall  
Court w<sup>th</sup> the Subscribers name Endorst and for her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s  
Service & all Letters sent by the publick Treasurers of Each  
Shore to any Navall officer with the Subscribers name Endorst  
and for her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Service shall be accounted only publick  
Letters shall not Refuse to give a receipt as a<sup>d</sup> under the  
penalty a<sup>d</sup> any former Law usage or Custome to the Con-  
trary Notwithstanding :

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1707

Read & Assented to by the house of Delegates  
Signed p order W Taylard Cl h D.

April the 10<sup>th</sup> 1707

Read and Assented to by her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council  
& Signed p order W Bladen Cl Counc.