

any Inhabitant are to be Understood of such debts as are Assigned to the Inhabitants in the Publick County or parish Levy or forty p poll as a^d or due from the high Sher by bill bond note or Account proved Any Law usuage or Custome to the Contrary Notwithstanding. C. P.

And whereas there have been diverse great Complaints from Sev^l parts of this Province to the Gen^l Assembly of Sev^l Sherriffs and Subsher^s that have Exacted and Extorted great sumes of Tob^o Above their due and Lawfull ffees Ascertained by the Acts of Assembly of this Province from sev^l of the Inhabitants thereof 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 Cuningly and Crafftily Evaded the said Laws by takeing bills or writings Obligatory without Ever Delivering any Acc^t signed under their hands as the Law Directs soe that the party Grieved Cannot Sufficiently prove the said Extortion And is thereby Left without remedy for prevention whereof p. 94

Be itt Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent a^d that no Sher or Sub sher. within this province after the publication of this Act in their Sev^l And respective Countys wherein they Dwell shall take any bond bill or any other writing obligatory of any person or persons upon any pretence whatsoever without Endorsing the Acc^t on the back of the said bond bill or writeing obligatory for which the same was passed And if Any Sherriffe or Sub sher^s within this province shall dureing the time that he remains in his place or Office upon any pretence whatsoever take any bond bill or writing Obligatory without Endorsing the Acc^t on the back of the said bond bill or writing obligatory as a^d by which itt may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken the said bond bill or writing obligatory shall be Void and of no Effect and the Officer or Officers that took the same shall lose his Debt and forever be Debarēd of sueing any other Action for the recovery of the same any Law Statute or Usuage to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. p. 95

And that whereas the said Officers are prohibited from takeing bills upon any p^tence whatsoever otherwise then as is directed by this Act dureing the time they remaine in Office to the Intent the said Officers may receive no Damage by the Act of Assembly for Limittations of Actions,

Be itt further Enacted by the Authority a^d that the time the said Officers remaine in Office shall not be reckoned or Ac counted in the Act of Limittation and that whereas itt has been the practice of Sev^l Sherriffs of this province where a