

he shall be liable to the same Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, Bacon that Officers are liable to by the Laws in Force, for taking more Fees than are allowed; any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And be it further Enacted and Declared, That where any Sheriff shall take any Goods in Execution for Officers Fees, such Sheriff shall proceed in the same Manner as the Act, entitled, An Act to restrain the ill Practice used by Sheriffs in taking Goods by Fieri facias, and selling them by Venditioni exponas, directs, in case of Goods taken by virtue of a Fieri facias; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And for that several Persons having Tobacco in the Sheriffs Hands, and drawing Notes for the same, sundry Sheriffs frequently refuse to pay or discount the Contents of such Notes, without an Allowance of Ten per Cent, or some other Allowance, as a Reward for paying or discounting their own just Debts, to the great Prejudice of the Public Credit, and of several private Persons; Be it therefore Enacted, That the several Sheriffs within this Province, shall be obliged to discount any Debts due from them, or any of them, to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, out of any Public or County Levies, Public Dues or Officers Fees, and to allow and discount the Contents of any Note that shall be drawn, payable or indorsed to any Person being indebted to the Sheriffs on any of the Accounts already mentioned, so far as they shall owe the Drawer of such Note, without any Deduction or Allowance for such Discount, on Pain of forfeiting Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every Offence, one Half thereof to the Lord Proprietary, for the Use of Public Schools, where the Offence shall be committed, the other Half to the Party grieved, or other Person that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

V. Provided always, That the Sheriff shall not be obliged to discount a Parcel so as to break an entire Hogshead, except where the Parcel shall be due immediately from the Sheriff to the Debtor; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Supplementary Act to the Act for encouraging the Making Chap. XXII  
Hemp and Flax within this Province.

Whereas by the before recited Act, which was made in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Six, all Persons claiming Benefit thereby, were obliged to tender to their Creditors their