

demands their of as aforesaid or the said Sheriff demanded any publick dues or Officers Fees of the respective Inhabitants within his Balwick within the time before Limited such demandant shall be obliged to take the same & discharge the Debtors for such and so much as by him shall be received & upon refusall of receiveing thereof the said Tobacco so intended to be payd as aforesaid being vewed and found Merchandable by two honest men of the neighbourhood shall be weighed & marked for the use of such demandant & be a sufficient discharge to the person or persons paying the same for so much as the Sum their of shall amount unto provided allwayes that it is the true intent and meaning hereof that the same be tendred on or before the 20th day of April otherwise such Tobacco to lay at the resque of the Sheriff or others intended to receive advantage any thing herein to the contrary Notwithstanding. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That no Sheriff within this Province having publick Officers Fees to Collect shall presume to Levey by Execution on any of the Inhabitants within this Province any Fees to him Committed to Collect where the person or persons from whom such Fees shall appeir to be due produce the former Sheriffs Receipt or otherwise make appeir payment of the same under the forfeiture & penalty of treble the Sum Executed to the party or partys grieved with cost to be recovered by action of Debt bill plaint or information wherein no Essoyn protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd. And to the End the publick Officers having Fees in the Sheriffs hands may yearly & every year be timely advised of the State and Condition of their Debtors (to Witt) who have paid the former Sheriff, who Indign^t [sic], who run away or dead, insolvent, & who paid or from whome they might expect pay the same year, such Fees are comitted to such Sheriff to collect, the better to informe themselves what measures to take and how to dispose of the same. Bee it also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the respective Sheriffs having such publick Officers Fees in their hands to collect shall yearly and every yeare account twice for the same the first of which accounts to be rendred by or upon the 10th day of December at the port and Towne of Annapolis to which Officer or Officers or others by them assigned to receive the same, The other at or upon the 10th day of Aprill yearly & every year successively at the time of boath which accounting the severall Sheriffs haveing made themselves Debt^r to the List of Fees Received of each respective Officer shall give himselfe Cred^t by each respective Debt^r in the said List nominated in form as followeth & as the nature of such Creditt shall require.

By A. B. Rec^d in p^t or whole.

By C. D. Run away Leveing no Effects

By E. F. poor & not able to pay this year

By G. H. Object agst the Account refuse to pay

By I. K. Produces receipt pay'd in p^t or whole

By Sallery for Receveing

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