

Effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Executors were all Liveing and did or Could Joyne in the performing the said will and that he shall and may and is hereby authorized and Impowered and Obliged to Apply the money or tobacco arriseing by Such Sale or Sales to the Uses in the said will appointed any Law, Statute useage or Custome or want of Authority so to do by the words in the said Last will & testament of the said John Edmondson to the Contrary Notwithstanding Provided that this act nor any thing herein Contained shall Extend or be Construed to Extend to Enable the said Thomas to make Sale of any lands tenements or Hereditaments which were persuant to the Tennor of the will af^d disposed of Aliened, or Sold to any person or persons whatsoever Jointly by William and James Edmondson decēd two of the Executors of the testament of the said John Edmondson deceased.

Liber LL, 4
Acts

An Act to reforme the Ill practices of high Sherriffs within this Province

Acts of 1711,
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Whereas Complaint hath been made to this present General Assembly that Severall Sherriffs within this Province being Indebted to all of the Inhabitants thereof as well for orders drawn on them for Public Debts, as for their Private debts will not discount the same out of any Publique or County Leavy due to such Sherriffs, but will Compell such to take and receive for such debt or debts Indifferent tobacco in remote Inconvenient places and take the body or goods, of such Persons in with Intent to Extort from them their best and finest tobacco; or some other Illegall and Unreasonable Allowance, or Sallary to the great Prejudice of severall of the Inhabitants of this Province for prevention whereof

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Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Maj^{ty} with the Advice and Consent of her Majestyes President Councill and Assembly [of this] Province and the Authority of the same that if any high sherriff or high sherriffs, being Indebted to any person or persons, shall refuse to discount, or the same out of any publeque or County Leavy due from such Person or Persons but will notwithstanding the same debt being due from the Sherriff, take the body of such Person in Execution shall be Lyable to be prosecuted for false Imprisonment And in Case such Sherriff do not take the body of such Persons in Execution but shall take any of his goods or Chattells in Execution, whilst the Sherriff remains in such Persons Debt he shall be deemed and taken as a Trespasor And Lyable to the same Prosecution Payns Penaltys and forfeitures as if any Private person had taken such Goods.

And be it further Enacted by the authority that the high sherriff of Every respective County, shall be Lyable to be sued as af^d for his own or any of his Deputy or Deputy's Offence Or Offences ag^t this act, and the debts menconed which the sherriff may Owe any In-