

tinuance of this Act it shall be Lawful for the sheriffs of the several and Respective Counties of this Province and they are hereby directed and required to collect from every such Taxable Inhabitant the said Money in Gold or Silver at the Rates aforesaid by Way of Distress and Sale of the Goods or Execution on the Person chargeable therefor in the same manner as they are authorized and directed to collect distraint and execute for the County Levy by the said Act entitled "An Act for the Regulation of the staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majestys Customs" And the said sheriffs shall and they are hereby required before the last Day of June Yearly to pay to the Incumbent of each Parish in their several and Respective Counties all the Tobacco they shall have received from the Taxable Inhabitants of their several and Respective Parishes before the said tenth Day of June Yearly and shall also before the Last Day of August Yearly Pay to each Incumbent all the Money they shall have collected and received or which by Law they ought to have collected and received retaining five per Centum only on such Tobacco and Money for Collection thereof And if any Sheriff shall not make Payment according to the Directions of this Act He shall forfeit and pay to the Incumbent and his Executors and Administrators if Suit be brought against the sheriff only double the Tobacco or Money which such sheriff shall or ought to have collected to be recovered with Costs by Action of Debt or on the Case founded on this Act in which it shall be Sufficient for the Plaintiff to alledge that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff or received to the Plaintiffs Use the Sums of Money or Tobacco claimed by him whereby the Plaintiffs Action accrued according to the fform of this Act without setting forth the Special Matter or the Incumbent or his Executors or Administrators may sue and recover on the Sheriffs Bond against such Sheriff and his Sureties the Tobacco or Money which such sheriff shall or ought to have collected with Interest thereon from the Time the said Tobacco or Money shall respectively become due and payable.

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[Penalty on Sheriffs neglecting to pay to the Incumbents the Tobacco and Money they have received.]

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And be it enacted that every Sheriff on Information that any Inhabitant of his County is about to abscond or remove his Effects from the Place of his Residence may and shall at any Time between the last Day of February and the tenth Day of August yearly apply himself to some Justice of his County and on Oath thereof made by the Sheriff or some other Credible Person (which Oath the said Justice shall return to the next County Court) such Justice shall give his Warrant and thereby direct and empower such Sheriff to execute such Inhabitant or his Effects for the Tobacco or Money as the Case may require and such Sheriff shall make Execution therefor without any Fee but if such Inhabitant will give the Sheriff sufficient security for Payment he shall take the same and not proceed to any Execution therefor.

[Persons about to abscond may be executed, &c.]