

onment, without Bail or Mainprize, and forfeit to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling; to be recovered and divided as aforesaid. Bacon

X. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That one Act of Assembly of this Province, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the Port of Annapolis, the Twenty-sixth Day of March, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Seven, entitled, An Act to prevent the Abuse of breaking open, and concealing public and private Letters; and every Article, Clause and Thing therein contained, be and is hereby repealed, and made null and void.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act.

Reverdy Ghiselin
Thomas Bacon

An Act for Relief of Debtors; and ascertaining the Manner of Tenders in Tobacco.

Whereas several honest persons within this Province being indebted in Tobacco to divers Persons, Merchants, and others, and well disposed to pay the same, taking Care therefor, by providing the Tobacco; but oftentimes it so happens, that because an Opportunity or Conveniency doth not offer to the Creditor to dispose thereof, they do frequently refuse, neglect and delay to receive the said Tobacco in Discharge of the Debts; whereby the Debtor remains in Debt, and the Tobacco by him procured to pay the said Debts, remains in his Hands, subject to all Casualty on the Debtor's Account, and which he dares not make Use of for Fear of his Creditor's demanding and suing after for the Debt: For Remedy whereof for the future;

II. Be it Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting within this Province, and now being, or that hereafter shall be indebted to any Merchant or Others, either resident in or trading to this Province, that hath Tobacco ready, according to the Nature of the Debt he owes, and is willing to pay the same, and hath offered it to his Creditors, his Factor or Attorney, and by him or them refused, neglected, or delayed to be received as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Debtor or Debtors, at any Time between the first Day of November, and the last Day of March, in every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, and at no