

of Actions. Be It further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the tyme the said Officers remaine in Office shall not be Reckoned nor Accounted in the Act of Limitation and that whereas It hath been the practice of severall Sherriffs of this province where a person hath been in prison at the Suite of two or Three severall persons or hath Layne for the satisfaction of Two or more severall Judgments for the Sherriffe to charge Twenty a day for each action or Judgment for prevention whereof Be It Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Sherriffe after the publication of this Act shall Exact or take any more then Twenty pounds of Tobacco per day of any prisoner thò he lyes for the satisfaction of severall Judgments he shall be Lyable to the paines & penalties of a certain Act of Assembly for settling Officers Fees. This Act to Endure for three Yeares or to the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

Public
Record
Office,
London.
C. O. 5,
Vol. 731,
Maryland.
From
1694-1702.
Acts

An Act for Appointing Court dayes in each respective County within this Province.

[The text of this Act has not been found]

Acts of
March,
1697/8,
ch. 3

An Act for Stay of Executions after the Tenth day of Aprill Yearely.

Whereas many of the Inhabitants of this Province are & have been exceedingly grieved & burthened by Executions Laid upon them for Tobaccoe in Summer tyme, when it is not possible for them to produce tobaccoe for the payment & satisfaction of their Creditors by meanes whereof they often tymes [are] kept in prison a long tyme & thereby disabled from making and Tending their Cropps to the great prejudice if not Ruine of many the Inhabitants of this Province, being thereby left destitute of any meanes to satisfye their Creditors For prevention whereof for the Future Be It Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maj^{ty} by & with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same, That after the tenth day of Aprill in any yeare no Execution shall issue out of any the Courts of this Province against the body or goods of any person or persons Inhabiting in this Province till the Tenth day of October next or untill the Tenth day of October in any yeare during the continuance of this Act for any Debt or Debts or upon any Action Judgment or Judgments Issued, had, or recovered against the Inhabitants within this Province in the Provinciall or other County Courts within this Province for any Causes, Matter or thing whatsoever provided such person or persons against whom any such Judgment together with two other persons such as the Justices shall approve off come before one Justice or more of the Provinciall Court, or before the Major, Recorder or any Two of the Aldermen of the City of St. Maryes or Two Commissioners of the Port of Annapolis or Two Justices or more of the respective County Courts where such Judgment is ob-

Acts of
March,
1697/8,
ch. 4