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Yett he is afterwards Charged againe and new Examination by Capias ad Satisfaciendum issued out againe whereupon it Coms to pass that many of his Maṭys Subjects are unjustly taken in Execution and Imprisoned which the poorer Sorte rather take patiently and suffer under then seek their redress by Ordinary Course of Law and for that the Imprisonment many times is greater Charge then the Debts and for that the perpetuall fear of Imprisonment makes the poorer Sorte of people of this Province more negligent of Applying themselves to their Callings and rather Seek for refuge in our Neighbouring Colonys by flight & deserting their habitations and that such poor Inhabitants may with all Chearfullness hope and Assurance industriously follow their Labours to the benefit of the Publick And for that the King of Englands Officers in England onely use the way of Distress to Leavy such Taxes and Assessments as are granted by Act of Parliament and for that the insulting of one Subject over another with greater authority Then the Kings of England in such Cases Exercise over their Subjects is of all things most odious. The Delegates of this present generall Assembly do pray That it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Maṭy by and with the Advice and consent of this present generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That from and after this present Sessions no Fees due to any publique Officer of this Province whatsoever shall be Leavyed but by Execution of fieri facias against the goods & Chattells of the Debtor to any such Officer or Officers any forme Law usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding Provided the Debtor to any such Officer or Officers have goods and Chattells to the value of such fee or fees and shew the same to the Sherriffe or his Deputy to be leavyed so as aforesaid. But in case the party Debtor to such Officer or Officers That have not any such goods & Chattells Sufficient to defray such Fee or Fees, That then it shall and may be Lawfull to and for such Officer or Officers to have Execution by Capias ad Satisfaciendum against the Debtor so as aforesaid. This Act to continue for 3 years or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly.

Acts of Oct. 1698, ch. 22

An Act for the punishment of Privateers and Pyrates.

Whereas it highly Tends to the Honour of his Sacred Maṭy and most Consistant with the Duty of all his Maṭys Loyall Subjects That such Articles as are Concluded on all Treatyes of peace should in a Strict Maṭer be most inviolably preserved and kept and Whereas not onely against such Treatyes of Peace made by his Maṭy with his Allyes but also Contrary to his Maṭys Royall Proclamation We his Maṭys most Loyall Subjects have received diverse Informations That severall of his Maṭys ill minded and disobedient Subjects of other his Maṭys Dominions as well by themselves as in Company with the Subjects of other Princes and in their Service have Comitted