

tary, his Heirs and Successors, and to his and their Governors here, for the Time being, for the Fines and Forfeitures, and other Dues belonging to the said Lord Proprietary's Governor, as also his Account of all Fees, Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco due to any the good People within this Province, for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco, wherewith the said Sheriff shall be intrusted, during the Time of his Sherifalty, for this present——or to such of them, as shall require the same, shall pass and render, by the Tenth Day of May next, ensuing the Date hereof, and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of—, shall behave himself well and honestly towards all Persons, according to the best of his Power, Skill and Knowledge, then this Obligation to be Void and of none Effect, or else to stand in full Force, Strength and Virtue.

WHICH Bond, if taken by the County Court, shall by the Justices be yearly transmitted unto the Secretaries Office, within Two Months after the taking thereof, under the Penalty of *One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, one half towards the Support of the Government, and the other half to the Informer: After receiving of which Bond, the Secretary and his chief Clerk of the Provincial Court, shall be obliged at the next Council, to lay the same before the Governor for the Time being, for his Approbation or Disallowance of the Securities taken, the Commissioners are enjoined and required to take new Securities yearly, and transmit the same as above, admitting no Securities but good substantial Freeholders, and making the Obligation of such Bond answerable to the publick Charge of their Counties, which Penalties shall not be less than *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, as aforesaid.

It shall and may be lawful for the Governor for the Time being, where no complaint is made, to continue any Person as Sheriff for Three Years successively, but no longer.

No Sheriff shall execute any Person, to whom he himself is due any Money, without allowing and discounting the same, under the Pain of being liable to be prosecuted in an Action of Trespass or false Imprisonment, as the Case shall require.

THE Sheriff shall be liable for any Offence committed by his Deputies against this Act; and the Debts above mentioned, due by the Sheriff, are to be understood of such Debts as are assigned to the Inhabitants in the publick County or Parish Levy or *Forty per Poll* as aforesaid, or due from the High Sheriff, by Bill, Bond, Note or Account proved.

No Sheriff or Sub Sheriff shall take any Bond, Bill or other Writing Obligatory of any Person, upon any Pretence whatever, without indorsing the Account on the Back thereof, for which the same was passed, under the Penalty of the said Obligation being void, and he losing his Debt

As the above Officers are prohibited from taking Bills, upon any Pretence whatever, but as directed by this Act, during the Time they remain in Office; the Time they remain in Office shall not be reckoned or accounted in the Act of Limitation.