

measures hereafter to take in cases of that nature, it is prayed that it be enacted. And

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty's by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the publication hereof no person or persons Executors or Administrators of any Estate within this Province, shall be liable to pay or satisfy Debts contracted out of this Province, of what nature or quality soever, Debts due to their Sacred Majesty's only excepted, before debts due within this Province, from the Estate or Estates of any person or persons deceased shall be paid and satisfied; if such Executors or Administrators shall have Assets in his her or their hands sufficient to satisfy and pay the same, such Executors or Administrators having respect to the quality of the Debts due within this Province as aforesaid, unless the creditor or creditors of the said deceased being persons residing out of this Province as aforesaid, on any Action or Actions by him her or them brought against such Executors or Administrators as aforesaid, upon any debt or contract of a higher nature than those contracted within this Province as aforesaid, be it by Statute Merchant or of the Staple, Judgment, Bond or otherwise do upon Tryal make it sufficiently appear that such Executors or Administrators had due knowledge & Cognizance thereof upon due proof thereof as aforesaid, if such Executors or Administrators shall have paid debts of an inferiour nature, not recovered against them by due course of Law, or suffered Judgment to go against them for any such Debt as aforesaid, without pleading such foreign Debt in stay of Judgment, such Executor or Administrator not having Assets in his her or their Hands sufficient to pay the Debt as aforesaid, and satisfy the same, the Court before whom such Action shall be brought shall give Judgment and award Execution against such Executors or Administrators *de bonis Propriis*, to such Creditor or Creditors as aforesaid, as the Law in that case directs, any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And for that it hath been found of evil Consequence, that Bonds, Bills, and other Obligations under the Hand and Seal of any person or persons within this Province which are of very ancient date, and probably have been by the person or persons who were Debtors thereby long before paid and satisfied, but for want of due proof thereof or the Receipt for payment through length of Time become casuall lost such Debtors are laid liable by Law to pay and satisfy such Debt or Debts by them so formerly paid and satisfied as aforesaid.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that for the future no Bill, Bond or other Obligation under the Hand and Seal of any person or persons whatsoever, that hath been, or shall at any time hereafter be taken of any of the Inhabitants of this Province aforesaid, that shall not be renewed within five Years from the publication hereof, or within five Years from the taking of such Obligation as aforesaid, and so for every five Years successively be suable or impleadable in any Court within this Province, Debts due to their Sacred Majesty's their Heirs and Successors, Bonds formerly given, or hereafter to be given into any Office within this Province, Debts due to any persons under Age, *non Sana Memoria*, or beyond the Seas and not returning within five Years as aforesaid, (only excepted)

Provided that this Act nor any thing therein contain'd be construed or taken to give any advantage or benefit to persons flying out of this Province and not returning within the time aforesaid, any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

*An additional Act to the Act for Ports.*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty's by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, That the Town Land at Oxford in Talbot County constituted and appointed a Town and Port by a former Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of St. Marys the 21<sup>st</sup>. Day of September Anno Domini 1694. be again Surveyed and Laid out, that is to say, some time before the last Day of September next, before the Commissioners in the foregoing Act nominated and appointed, bounding the same at low water mark, including