

Office to the Intent this
Act for Limitation of Actions

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Officers
remain in Office shall not be reckoned or accounted in the
imitation, &
that whereas it hath been the practice of several Sherrifs of this Province where a
person hath been in prison at the Suit of two or three several persons, or hath lain
for the satisfaction of two or more several judgments for the Sherrif to charge
twenty a day for each Action or Judgment for prevention whereof.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Sherrif after the publicati-
on of this Act shall exact or take any more than twenty pounds of Tobacco per
day of any Prisoner, tho' he lies for the satisfaction of several judgments, he
shall be liable to the pains and penalrys of a certain Act of Assembly for Settling
Officers Fees.

An Act for Amerciaments in the Provincial and County Courts.

WHEREAS many Suits are arisen upon frivolous occasions by litigi-
persons, for prevention whereof of the future,

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with
the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly & the Authority of the
same, that all persons whatsoever that are cast in any Cause, be they Plaintiff or
Defendant, shall be amerced besides the damage and costs in the Provincial Court
fifty pounds of Tobacco, to be employed as the Governour & Council shall think
fit, and in the County Courts thirty pounds of Tobacco, to be employed & dis-
posed of towards defraying the County charge in such manner as the Commit-
oners of each respective County shall think fit and for the due collecting thereof.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Clark of the Provincial Court
and the several County Courts keep an exact account of the amerciaments, and
deliver or send the same to the several Sherrifs of the particular Countys, who are
hereby required to collect the same with the Levy, and are accordingly impow-
ered for default of payment to make distress, and commanded not to return any
Arrears, except in cases of Executors and Administrators, who cannot pay with-
out Orders.

And Be it further Enacted, that the Clark of the respective Courts give unto
the chief Judge of such Court a List of the Amerciaments that Court imposed.

An Act for stay of Executions after the tenth day of April Yearly.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of this Province are, and have
been exceedingly grieved and burthened by Executions laid upon them
for Tobacco in Summer time, when it is not possible for them to procure Tobacco
for the payment and satisfaction of their Creditors, by means whereof they are
oftentimes kept in prison a long time, and thereby disabled from making & reap-
ing their crops, to the great prejudice if not ruin of many the Inhabitants of this
Province, being thereby left destitute of any means to satisfy their Creditors, for
prevention whereof for the future,

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with
the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of
the same, That after the tenth day of April in any year, no Execution shall issue
out of any 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 until the
tenth day of October in any year during the continuance of this Act for any debt