

Impowered with the money or Tobacco arising by such Sale or Sales to apply to the Uses in the said will appointed any Law Statute Usage or Custome or want of Authority so to do by the words in the said Last will and Testament of the said John Edmondson to the Contrary notwithstanding. Lib. I. L.
No. 64.

Nov^r 10th 1709

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Read and assented too by the house of Delegates. Signed p ^r ord ^r W Taylard Clk d	}	Read and assented too by her Maj ^{ty} s hon ^{ble} Council in Assembly & Sign'd p ^r ord ^r W Bladen Cl Council.
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Nov^r the 11th 1709.

On the behalf of her most Sacred Maj^{ty} Queen Anne of Great Brittain &c Wee Will this be a Law.

Edw ^d Lloyd	Tho: Greenfield
W ^m Holland	Ch ^r Greenberry
Will Coursey	John Hall
Thos. Ennalls	W ^m Whittington

An Act to reforme the ill practice of High Sherriffs within this Province

Whereas Complaint hath been made to this Present General Assembly that severall Sherriffs within this province being indebted to severall of the Inhabitants thereof as well for orders drawn on them for publick debts as for their private debts will not discount the Same out of any publick or County Leavy due to such Sherriffe but will Compell such person to take and receive for such debt or debts indifferant Tobacco in remote and Inconvenient places and take the body or Goods of such Persons in Execution with Intent to Exert from them their best and finest Tobacco or some other Illegall and Vnreasonable allowance or Sallery to the Great prejudice of severall of the Inhabitants of this province for prevention whereof Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Maj^{ty} by and with the advice and Consent of her Maj^{ty}s Council and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that if any high Sherriffe or high Sherriffs being Indebted to any person or persons shall refuse to discount or allow the Same out of any publick or County Leavy due from such person or persons but will notwithstanding the same debt being due from the Sherriffe take the body of such person in Execution shall be Lyable to be prosecuted for false Imprisonment. And in Case such Sherriffe do not take the body of such person in