

Inhabitants of this Province might and were by the said Act Enabled Lib. B. L. C. to discharge all Levys (the forty per Poll and all Tobacco directed by any Act of Assembly of this Province to be levyed and applied to the Building and repairing any Church or Churches therein excepted) in the said Bills of Creditt or Gold or Silver rating Tobacco at ten shillings per hundred in the said Bills or Gold or Silver and that all Bounties rewards and allowances given and allowed by any Act of Assembly of this Province in Tobacco And also all fynes forfeitures and Penalties settled and Established in Tobacco by any Law of this Province should and might be paid satisfyed and discharged in the said Bills of Creditt or Gold or Silver rating Tobacco at ten Shillings per hundred and in Proportion for a lesser Quantity with Provisoe that no Person should be obliged to pay the said Bills of Creditt or Gold or Silver in Lieu of Tobacco but that Every Person should be at Liberty to pay Tobacco for the said Levys and Penalties as if that Act had never been made And Whereas by the said Act another Provision was made to wit that Every Person who should not tender or pay such Bills of Creditt or Gold or Silver by the tenth Day of April yearly during the Continuance of that Act should be obliged to pay all Levys in Tobacco as if the said Act had never been made And Whereas Severall the Good People of this Province lyable to pay the Publick and County Levys have also Allowances made them from the Publick or County by Laws now in being for Certain Services to the Country and most justly Conclude that the severall sheriffs Should and ought to discount with them at ten Shillings per hundred for so much Tobacco as they are allowed in their hands or so much as will discharge that part of their Levy as is by the said Act lyable to be paid in money at the rate of ten shillings per hundred be it before or after the tenth of April yearly yet so it is that the said Sheriffs insist and do pay severall of the Inhabitants their whole Allowances at ten shillings Current Money per hundred and at the same time demand and actually have from them either the whole of the Tobacco they stand charged with for Publick & County Levys or from Sixteen shillings and Eight Pence per hundred to twenty five shillings per hundred therefore which practice if suffered must Greatly tend to the ruin and impoverishment of many the Good People of this Province and to the Great Discredit of the said Current money for remedy whereof it is prayed that it be Enacted And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that from and after the End of this Present Session of Assembly all Publick and County Allowances of what nature soever and Parish Taxes (the forty per Poll excepted) which shall hereafter be made and allowed by the Publick or any County shall be levyed and made in the Current