

ACTS.

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis in the County of Ann Arundel, the 27th day of October, and ended the 14th day of November, in the 12th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady, Anne, Queen of Great Britain, France, and Ireland Defender of the Faith, etc. Annoq. Domini 1713, were enacted the Laws following.

Edward Lloyd, Esq., President.

An Act for the more speedy conveying Public Letters and Packets of this Province, and defraying the Charge thereof; and to prevent the Abuses of breaking open, and concealing any Letters whatsoever. Bacon

Forasmuch as several of the Inhabitants of this Province have been formerly subject to great and manifest Inconveniencies by pressing of Horses, under Pretext of carrying and conveying Public Letters and Packets: For Prevention whereof, and that due Care may be taken for the future, that all Public Letters and Packets, relating to her Majesty's, or the Public Service of this Province, be securely and expeditiously conveyed, according to their Directions, the Delegates of this present General Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted;

II And be it Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Sheriff of each respective County is hereby enjoined and commanded to take Care of all Public Letters and Packets, and expeditiously convey them, according to their respective Directions, to the next Sheriff or Under-Sheriff of the next adjacent County.

III. And for the Encouragement of the several and respective Sheriffs, and their Diligence in conveying such Public Letters and Packets, that they may be allowed the several Sums hereafter expressed, to be laid in the Public Levy of this Province, That is to say;

To the Sheriff of Ann-Arundel County, Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, who is hereby obliged to convey all such Letters and Packets as are directed, and must go over to the Eastern Shore, to Kent-Island, and there to be delivered to the Sheriff of Queen-Anne's County, or his Deputy.