

## ACTS.<sup>1</sup>

Bacon's  
Laws

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, in the County of Ann-Arundel, the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, in the second Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. and ended the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June following, in the Third Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Anno Domini 1717, were enacted the following Laws, viz.

John Hart, Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

A Supplementary Act, to the Act for Limitation of Officer's Fees. Chap. II

Whereas several of the Inhabitants of this Province have complained, that the several and respective Officers within this Province, write their Accounts of Fees in such short abbreviated Words, that they cannot by any Means satisfy themselves for what the said Fees become due; for Prevention whereof for the future,

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, all the several and respective Officers within this Province, whose Fees are due upon Execution, shall and are, by virtue of this Act, obliged to draw out the Particulars of their Fees in a fair legible Hand, and the Words at full length; and on Failure thereof, such Officer to lose such Fees, if expressed in Words cut off or abbreviated. And if any the Public Officers of this Province, having made out his Fees in abbreviated Words, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall insist on the levying such Fees as aforesaid, shall be fined Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; one Half thereof to his Lordship the Lord Proprietor, to be applied to the Use of the

<sup>1</sup> The text of the Acts is taken from Bacon's *Laws of Maryland at Large* (1765) which contains only the public general laws in force at the date of that compilation. Liber LL N<sup>o</sup> 4, which contained the original record, has been lost. The Acts here printed are six of the fifteen of which the titles are given on pages 105, 106, *supra*. The other nine are either local, private or temporary. The chapter numbers in the margin are those in Bacon's compilation of the session laws.