

*An ACT to restrain the ill Practices of Attorneys ;
and to prevent their taking Money Fees ; and as-
certaining what Fees shall be allowed to Practi-
tioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit-
Courts.*

WHEREAS the sundry Laws that have been heretofore made, to restrain the evil Practices of Attorneys, and to ascertain their Tobacco-Fees in the several Courts of this Province, have been found ineffectual; insomuch, that Complaints are made from sundry Parts of this Province, of the exorbitant Fees taken by Counsellors at Law, Chamber-Counsel, Barristers, Attorneys, and other Practitioners and Advisers in the Law, to the great Damage and Aggrievance of the good People of this Province, and Impoverishing themselves and Families: All which, this General Assembly hath taken into Consideration; and for Prevention thereof, do pray that it may be Enacted:

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, it shall not, nor may be lawful, for any Counsellor or Counsellors, Attorney or Attorneys, or any other Person or Persons, of what Denomination soever in the Law, to ask, demand, take, or receive, on any Pretence or Pretence whatsoever, any greater, or other Fee or Fees, Gratuity or Gratuities, Gift or Gifts, Present or Reward whatsoever, either by himself, or any other Person, for his Use, for Counselling, Commencing, Advising, Prosecuting, and bringing to final Judgment, Agreement, or other End thereof, any Cause whatsoever, to be prosecuted or impleaded in any Court or Courts, as aforesaid, other than such Fees as are hereafter enumerated, (that is to say,)

For Bringing, Prosecuting, or Defending, any Action, of what Nature or Quality soever, to final Judgment, Agreement, or other End thereof, in the several County Courts, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; unless the principal Debt or Damage, or Ballance of any Debt or Damages, sued for, and recovered, do exceed the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or Ten Pounds Sterling, that then the said Attorney shall have Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and no more.

To the Clerk of Indictments, for Prosecuting any Suit of the Lord Proprietor, in the County Court, either by Indictment, Presentment, Information, or otherways, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for his Fee, and no more; unless the Party prosecuted shall traverse, and in such Cases Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for his Fee, and no more.

And to any Attorney, or other Person, practising the Law in the Provincial Court, High Court of Chancery, Commissary's Court, Court of Vice-Admiralty, or for Prosecuting or Defending any Appeals, Writs of Error, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, before His Honour the Governour, and Council, the several Sums hereafter expressed and set down, (to wit,)

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