

shall hereafter be employed by any Person or Persons whatsoever, in any Action or Actions already commenced, or hereafter to be commenced, in any Court or Courts, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions aforesaid, who shall wilfully neglect, refuse or deny to finish the same, so that their Clients or Employers shall suffer Non-Suits or Judgments to pass against them, or shall be obliged to employ another Person or Persons, to prosecute or defend such Cause or Causes as aforesaid, that in all such Cases, such Attorney or Attorneys, so neglecting or refusing, shall be obliged to refund all such Fees as they have or shall receive of their Clients or Employers; and also pay all such Damages, Costs and Charges, as to the Parties may accrue by Means of such Neglect or wilful Refusal, which said Fees and Charges so laid out and expended, or Damages sustained by such Client or Clients, Employer or Employers, if they exceed the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or One Pound Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence current Money, shall be recovered in the Provincial or County-courts of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

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But if the said Damages, Costs and Charges, do not exceed the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or One Pound Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence current Money, the same shall be recovered according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts.

Provided always, That such Attorney, or other Practitioners of the Law, heretofore employed in any Action, as aforesaid, as shall depart this Province before the finishing such Actions, shall be exempted from all Penalties inflicted upon Attorneys, or others, by this Act, for not finishing the Business they are employed in; if, before such Departure, such Attorney, or other Practitioner of the Law, shall pay the Fee of such other Practitioner of the Law as their Clients shall employ, to finish such Action, and give the best Instructions for doing the same, as they are capable of; any thing in this Act contained, to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall presume to ask, take or receive of any Person or Persons whatsoever, any Sum or Sums of Money, or Tobacco, Wares or Merchandizes, for giving their Opinion or Advice, in any Cause or Causes, already commenced, or hereafter to be commenced, in any of the Courts or Jurisdictions of this Province, before he or they have taken the several Oaths to the Government, appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, and subscribed The Test, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, the Sum of Fifty Pounds current Money, the one Half to the Informer, or him, her or them who shall