

*An ACT declaring how Fees for Naturalization,  
and other private Laws shall be proportion'd.*

**W**HEREAS divers Complaints have been made, that several Persons have exacted and taken immoderate Fees of Persons for private Bills: For the Prevention whereof for the Future,

Be it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Fees to be taken by the several Clerks and Officers belonging to the Assembly, for Naturalization, and other private Laws, be such as shall be allowed and adjudged by the respective Assemblies, when and where such Person shall be Naturalized, and such Bill pass'd; and that no Person whatsoever presume to demand or exact any more Fees of any such Persons naturalized, or for whom such private Act shall pass, than what are so allowed, and to be allowed; under the Penalty of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to every such Person exacting or extorting more than what is or shall be allowed by such Assembly assessing the Fees, as aforesaid; the said Forfeitures to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed, the one Half to Her Majesty for the Support of the Government of this Province, the other Half to the Party grieved.

To be ad-  
judged by the  
respective As-  
semblies.

Penalty for  
exacting.

*An ACT confirming Purchases made by the Com-  
missioners of the respective Counties, by Virtue of a former Act of Assem-  
bly, entituled, An Act empowering the Commissioners of each re-  
spective County to purchase Lands, for the Use of their respective  
Courts, &c.*

**W**HEREAS at a General Assembly held at the Port of Annapolis, the Twenty Sixth Day of May, 1697, a certain Act of Assembly was made, entituled, *An Act empowering the Commissioners of each respective County, to purchase Lands for the Use of their respective Courts*, which is now executed:

Be it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That what Purchases of Lands the Commissioners had made according to the said Act, for the Use of the respective Counties, and Recorded within the several and respective County-Courts wherunto they properly belong, shall be a perpetual Bar against him or them for whom the Land was purchased, and against all Persons claiming by, from or under him, her, them, or any of them for ever.

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