

such Cases, such Attorney or Attorneys, for 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.

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, Entituled, *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.

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 sue for the same, the other Half to the Use of the County-School where such Person so offending shall dwell; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And to prevent Attorneys from commencing Letigious Actions, purely to increase their Fees, Be it further ENACTED, That no Attorney, or other Practitioner of the Law, shall hereafter be allowed any Fee for Prosecuting any Action or Suit of his own, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That an Act of Assembly, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the Sixth Day of *October*, *Anno Domini* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five, Entituled, *An Act to restrain the ill Practices of Attorneys; and to prevent their Taking Money Fees; and ascertaining what Fees shall be allowed to Practitioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit Courts;* and every Matter, Clause, and Thing therein contained, be for ever hereafter declared to be utterly abrogated, and made null and void, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever.