

An Act continuing an Act, entituled, *An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants.*

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 the Authority of the same, That an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants*, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Eighth Day of May, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, be and is hereby continued to be and remain in full Force, for and during the full End and Term of Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

An Act continued.

An Act for increasing the Allowance of Grand and Petit Jurors, who shall attend the Provincial Court, to limit Costs with respect to Witnesses, and granting them an Allowance for itinerant Charges.

I. **W**HEREAS the Allowances heretofore made to Grand and Petit Jurors attending the Provincial Court, are so small, that the same are not sufficient to maintain such Jurymen during the Time of their Attendance; in order therefore that reasonable Provision may be made for them, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

Preamble.

II. *AND* 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 the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, there shall be allowed to every Petit Juror, who shall be summoned and attend at the Provincial Court, in Lieu and in Stead of all or any Allowance or Allowances by any former Act or Acts of Assembly of this Province, the Quantity of Forty-eight Pounds of Tobacco per Day for every Day such Petit Juror shall attend the Provincial Court aforesaid, in the Public Levy of this Province, and be paid in the County where such Juror resides, besides the Quantity of Ninety-six Pounds of Tobacco, which shall be allowed to every full Jury who shall pass their Verdict in any Cause, to be paid by the Party for whom such Verdict shall pass, and be allowed in the Bills of Costs as usual, and no more; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Allowance to Petit Jurors attending Provincial Courts.

To each full Jury.

III. *AND* be it further Enacted, That in Case any Jury, who shall be sworn and charged in any Cause, shall be ready to give their Verdict therein, but the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Cause shall refuse to appear to such Verdict, whereby the said Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Cause shall be Nonsuit, that then and in such Case, the said Jury shall be allowed the aforesaid Quantity of Ninety-six Pounds of Tobacco, in the same Manner as if they had given their Verdict in such Cause, and the same shall be paid by the Defendant or Defendants therein, and be allowed in his, her or their Bill of Costs against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Cause.

In case they are sworn, and the Plaintiffs don't appear.

IV. *AND* be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Provincial Court of this Province, to allow unto the Grand Jurors, who shall serve in the Provincial Court, towards defraying the Expences of the said Jurors attending the said Court, for every Court they shall attend, any Quantity of Tobacco not exceeding Six Thousand Pounds, which shall be allowed in the Public Levy of this Province, and paid in the respective Counties where they reside.

Allowance to Provincial Grand Juries.

V. *AND* be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the said Provincial Court, to allow to every Grand and Petit Juror, who shall be summoned and attend the said Court, over and above the Allowances aforesaid, for so many Days itinerant Charges as the said Justices shall think reasonable, at the Rate of Forty-eight Pounds of Tobacco per Day, to be allowed and paid in the same Manner as the other Allowances herein mentioned are directed to be allowed and paid.

Jurors itinerant Charges.

VI. And whereas it is and has been a frequent Practice among Parties to Suits, to summon several Witnesses to the Proof of one and the same Matter of Fact in a Cause, and many others who really know nothing of the Fact, only to enhance the Costs, to the great Burthen and Oppression of the Party, who, by the Judgment of the Court in such Cause, is awarded

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