

Lib. L. L. An Act for Rectifying the ill Practices of Attorneys of this Province and Ascertaining the Attorney Generall and Clerks of the Indictments ffees.

Whereas by a Certain Ordinance of Assembly made att a Generall Assembly held att the Porte of Annapolis the Twentieth day of May in the Year of our Lord 1695 It was ordeined That the Attorney Generall of this Province should have four hundred Pounds of Tobbacco ffee for all Actions he should bring upon Bonds taken in the name of our Sovereigne Lord the King & Put in Suite in the Provinciall Court of this Province to be paid by the party bound in the said Bond and for all Criminall Causes where the Grand jury shall find the Bill in the Provinciall Court the Attorney Generall to have four hundred pounds of Tobbacco and that the Clerk of the Indictments in the Severall & respective County Courts should have Two hundred pounds of Tobbacco of the Criminalls where the Grand jury found the Bill by Colour of the said Ordinance and for lucre of ffees severall Bonds have been putt in Suite without any default and Severall Venires have been issued
p. 242 before any presentment of the Grand Jury or any order of Court so that diverse of his Matys Good Subjects of this Province have been unjustly grieved troubled and molested upon every treviall and slight Complaint to the said Attorney Generall and to the said Clks of Indictments for preventing of which great Evill for the future the Delegates of this present Generall Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excell^t Ma^{ty} by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same That after the end of this Sessions of Assembly no Summons or other process for any Criminall matter or misdemeanor shall issue out of any of the Courts of this Province against any person or persons whatsoever wthout a presentment be first found ag^t the said person or psons by the Grand Jury unless by a Speciall Order of Court and if the Attorney Generall or any other Attorney of the provinciall Court shall issue forth Summons or any other Process ag^t any person or persons and no Presentment or Order of Court appears upon the Record to Iustifie the Same the said Attorney So offending shall forfeitt and pay for such his Offence the Summe of five Thousand pounds of Tobbacco the one halfe to his Sacred Ma^{ty} Towards the defraying of the publick leavy of this Province the other halfe to the party grieved or to him or them that shall informe or sue for the Same to be recovered in the Provinciall Court of this Province by Bill Plaint or Information and if any Clerk of Indictments
p. 243 in any of the County Courts of this Province or any other