

Lib. 82, J. R. In the year 1676 By a Message from the Upper House of Assembly in the said Province The Lower House was acquainted That the List of Chancellors' Fees was settled by the then late Lord Proprietary, And his then present Lordship would not Consent to any Act for settling the same, it being his Prerogative; But that That List might be Recorded in the Journal of the House; Whereupon the Lower House voted, That in regard his Lordship declared That an Act for the Chancery Fees would Intrench on his Lordship's Prerogative The Lower House did not desire to do the same by Act, But all that they Aimed at was: That the Inhabitants might Certainly know what Fees they were to Pay; And since nothing could be more reasonable than That the same should be settled & Published; the Lower House Humbly requested his Lordship to ascertain the Fees of all his Lordship's Officers, And that fair Lists thereof might be drawn out with his Lordship's Assent thereunto. And that true Copies of the same might be sent to the respective County Courts with the Laws made this Assembly there to be Published and Recorded; And that an Act might be drawn up That every Officer Exceeding the same may be fined &c:

Pursuant whereto An Act was passed That Assembly for the Limitation of Officers' Fees, with the following Proviso Viz. If any Fees for any matter or thing hereafter to be done belonging to their several Office and Offices And by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant and Governour So allowed and adjudged and not in this Act mentioned Limited and allowed Then it shall be Lawfull to have and receive such Fees as the Lord Proprietary and Council shall allow and no more.

N. B. This Act of 1676 was a Perpetual Law.

In 1692 An Act was made for repealing all Laws theretofore made and confirming all Laws made that General Assembly which Laws were to be and remain in full Force and Power According to the true Intent and meaning thereof And that the same should be accounted & Esteemed the Body of the Laws of this Province and no other theretofore made. In which Act was a Proviso not to Prejudice any Person's rights by Act of Nature Affection or any Private Acts theretofore made relating to any private Persons.

In the same Assembly of 1692 A Temporary Act for the continuance of three years and to the end of the next Sessions passed for the Limitation of Officers' Fees; But in the said Act there is no express Repeal of the perpetual Law of 1676; And in the same Act of 1692 The same Proviso was as in the Act