

U. H. J. tunity of knowing their Accusers, the particular facts with which they are Charged, and of defending themselves, That private Whispers, slanders and false Insinuacons may not be admitted as Conclusive Evidence against them; Your Petitioners hereby (as they already have in the Lower House) Challengeing and defying all or any of their Inveterate and Implacable Enemies and Calumniators to prove them guilty of any one single Instance of Extortion, Oppression Perjury or Injustice, and Offering not only to be tryed according to the known Laws of the Land, but at their own Expence to send for any Evidences their Accuser shall Name to any part

p. 20 of the Province, or Neighbouring Colonies. Your Petitioners do not apply for any Enlargement or Alteracon of the Attorneys ffees nor for lessening the hardships contained in the said Bill against those of their profession, tho' they are able to prove beyond Contradiction that the ffees limited by the Acts of Assembly would not in the Superiour Courts and in many Cases in the Inferiour pay for one halfe of what the Attorneys are Obliged to write, without regarding what they must do as Councillours Attorneys and Sollicitors in every Case & of Prothonitary, Secondary, cursitor, Sheriffe Surveyour and Bookkeeper in many Cases, all which dutys they must Discharge or not serve their Clyents to any purpose it being matter of Indifference to your Petitioners in their present Circumstances what ffees are allowed or whether any or not. But they humbly pray for and insist on your Honours Justice to Consider whether the Act it self as it now Contains a Charge against them without their ever being Acquainted with the particular facts of which the Charge if true must Consist or giveing them any opportunity of a Defence be not Destructive of those Rights and Priviledges they are Intituled to as Brittish Subjects and whether the very act it selfe can pass without a manifest Infracation of the Conditions annext by the Royall Charter to your Legislative Capacity, Viz^t that the Acts you pass be Consonant to reason and be not repugn^t or Contrary but as near as Conveniently may be agreable to the Laws, Statutes Customs and Rights of England

And they will ever pray

Daniel Dulany
Thomas Bordley
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p 21 Ordered that the late Practitioners be heard according to the Prayer of the said Petition

A Bill from the Lower House by M^r King and M^r Gale