

Liber B.L.C. public Offices, or cause or suffer any Person or Persons to take,
 p. 440 remove or carry out of their respective public Offices, any Books, Papers or other Records to their own Houses, or to any other Place, upon any Pretence whatsoever, and the same so keep or cause or suffer to be kept out of their respective public Offices, at any Time between the Hours of Eleven at Night and Six in the Morning, under Penalty of Ten Pounds Current Money for every Offence; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, or to him or her that shall sue for the same, the other Moiety to be applied to the Use of the School of the County wherein the Offence shall be committed; to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill of Indictment, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law, or more than one Impar lance, shall be allowed." And whereas several of the County Clerks within this Province, in Behalf of themselves and others of the said County Clerks, have humbly represented to this present General Assembly, that by the above-recited Act, they and all other the County Clerks aforesaid, are laid under such Hardships that it is not practicable for them to execute that Duty, inasmuch as a great Part of their Business must of Necessity be done in the Winter Season, and that their Dwellings are at some Distance from their several and respective Court-Houses. This present General Assembly having taken the said Representation into Consideration, and being well satisfied of the Truth of the Facts mentioned therein, are willing and desirous to remove the Hardships complained of;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Tenth Day of July next, it shall and may be lawful to and for the several and respective County Clerks within this Province, to take, remove or carry out of their respective public Offices, the last recording Book for Judgments by them kept in their several and respective public Offices, together with the four last Courts-Dockets and Papers next preceeding the Time of such taking out, and the same to keep at their own Houses, or any other Place more suitable to their Conveniency within the County, for and during such Time as to them, or any of them, shall seem necessary, without being liable to incur the Penalty in the above-recited Act mentioned, any thing therein contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several and respective County Clerks within this Province, shall be and they are hereby obliged to attend at their several and respective County Court Houses one or more Days in every Week, to be appointed and published by the several County Courts next after the Commencement of this Act, and to remain there, either by them-

[County Clerks may remove some of their Records.]

[Obliged to attend their Offices one Day in a Week.]