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House of Assembly of this Province were independent, and not under the Influence of the Lord Proprietary or the Government: Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person, who shall have in his own Name, or in the Name of any Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, any Office or Place of Profit whatsoever, under the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, or any Person having a Pension, Gratuity or Reward, from the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, shall, at any Time within Four Years after the End of this Session of Assembly, be capable of being elected or chosen a Member, or of sitting or voting as a Member of this present, or any future, Lower House of Assembly.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who shall have or hold any Office or Place of Profit, or Pension, Gratuity or Reward, as aforesaid, at any Time within Four Years from the End of this Session of Assembly, shall presume to sit or vote in the said Lower House of Assembly, then and in such Case he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money, for every Day which he shall so sit or vote in the said Lower House of Assembly; one Half thereof to the Use of the Free-School of the City of Annapolis, and the other Half to him, her or them, that will sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Essoin, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, and only one Impar lance.

And be it further Enacted, That no Person within Six Years after he shall have ceased to be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, shall, in his own Name, or in the Name or Names of any Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit whatsoever, under the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, or have or receive any Pension, Gratuity or Reward, from the said Lord Proprietary or the Government.

p. 148 And be it further Enacted, That if any Person within Six Years after he shall decline or cease to be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, shall either in his own Name, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit, or receive any Pension, Gratuity or Reward whatsoever, from or under the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, he shall forfeit the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person having or holding any such Office, Place of Profit, or Pension, Gratuity or Reward, shall at any Time, within Four Years from the End of this Session of Assembly, be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, his Election shall be, and is hereby declared to be void, and a new Writ