

hereby Authorized and impowered to pass any Accounts of the Estates of Deceased Persons without any Special Commission from the Commissary General where the Amount of the Inventory of such Deceaseds Estate does not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds Current Money And whereas Pauper Estates by former Laws of this Province do not exceed ten Pounds Current Money Be it also enacted That during the Continuance of this Act all Estates not exceeding thirty Pounds Current Money shall be Deemed Pauper Estates and that in such Case there shall be no larger or other fees taken by any Deputy Commissary than is by a Former Act settled as to Pauper Estates not exceeding ten Pounds nor any fees at all by the Commissary General And to Prevent the Clerks and Registers of the several Courts within this Province from Multiplying fees by entring unnecessary Motions Petitions and Orders Be it Enacted that in all Cases civil and Criminal where ever any motions are made or Petitions tendered for any Order no entry shall be made of them nor any charge either for motion Petition or Order unless it shall be Particularly required by some party to the matter over and above the sum Allowed by this Act to be charged and that then and in such Case only the party at whose request such entry of Motion Petition or Order shall be made shall be charged therewith and be liable therefor in such Manner as is by this Act directed and that the adverse Party shall not be liable for the Cost of such entry of Motion Petition or Order over and above the sum Allowed by this Act to be charged

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[Pauper
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And be it further enacted That no Officer or Officers their Clerks Ministers or Servants in this Act mentioned shall charge any other or larger fees than by this Act is Limited and Appointed under any Pretence whatsoever nor under any other Denomination than mentioned in this Act unless the Consent and Approbation of the General Assembly of this Province be first had and Obtained And if any Officer or Officers their Servants Ministers or Clerks shall Demand and take any other or larger Fee or Fees than is herein before mentioned that then and in such Case they Forfeit and pay to the Party or Parties from whom they shall Demand and take such Extraordinary fee or fees not only the fee or fees so charged or Taken but also the sum of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province by Action of Debt action on the Case Indictment or Information wherein no Essoin Protection or Wager of Law or more than one Impar lance shall be Allowed And in Case the Party Grieved doth not Prosecute the Officer so Offending within six Months from the Time of such Offence Comitted that then and in such Case any other Person may Prosecute for the same

[Penalty on
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And be it further enacted that all Officers mentioned in this Act who shall enjoy any the Offices aforesaid shall on or before the last

[Officers to
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