

Present as in the Morning.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
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Read the Second time, in this House, the Bill entitled, An Act to ease the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Attornies Fees, and will pass with the following Amendments Viz.^t After the
p. 477 Word "*Same*," in the fourth Line of the fourth Page insert as follows—"Whereas by an Act entitled, An Act for rectifying the ill Practices of Attornies of this Province, and ascertaining Fees to the Attorney General Clerk of Indictments, Attornies, and Practitioners of the Law in the Courts of this Province, and for levying the same by way of Execution, it is amongst other things especially enacted, that if any Attorney or person Practising the Law, in any of the Courts of this province, do presume to ask, receive, take, or demand any greater, or larger Fee, than by the said Act appointed, and be thereof legally Convicted, he shall be incapable to Practise the Law in any Court of this Province, for the future, And, Whereas it would be of very little Avail towards the Ease of Suitors to regulate and limit the Fees of Lawyers, unless they be strictly held, not to ask, receive, take or demand any Fees beyond such Regulation and Limitation, Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Attorney or Lawyer shall Plead the Cause of any Sutor, or appear in, or undertake any Suit or Cause, in any Court of this Province, after the end of this present Session of Assembly, unless such Attorney or Lawyer, in each Court in which he shall Practice, at the first Sitting thereof, at which such Attorney or Lawyer shall Appear and undertake or be concerned in any Suit or Cause, take and Subscribe in Open Court, the Oath following to wit. I A. B. do Solemnly Promise and Swear that I will not during the Continuance of the Act intituled An Act to Ease the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Attornies Fees, in any manner, or of any person, directly or indirectly ask, receive, take, or demand, in Money, or Tobacco, or any other Matter, or Thing, any greater or larger Satisfaction, Reward, Gratuity, or Fees than by the said Act Appointed, So help me God. And the Judges and Justices, in and of the several Courts of this Province, are required and enjoined not to permit or suffer any Attorney or Lawyer to practice in their respective Courts unless such Attorney or Lawyer shall first take and Subscribe in Open Court the Oath aforesaid—Provided
p. 478 always that this Act, or anything therein contained, shall not extend to hinder any Attorney, or Lawyer, from finishing and bringing to a Determination the Suits or Causes now depending, and in which they have been really and actually employed by any party or parties interested therein"—So Endorsed and Sent to the Lower House by William Fitzhugh Esquire.

Read the second time, by an especial Order in this House, the Bill entitled an Act to revive and continue part of an Act entitled An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds