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contained shall not in any wise extend to be prejudicial or hurtful to any Reservation of Part of the Profits of an Office or Deputation by the Person conferring such Office or Deputation the said Reservation being expressed in the Commission or Appointment to such Office or Deputation but that such Reservation shall have the same Effect as the same would or might have had before the making of this Act and not otherwise Any Thing abovementioned notwithstanding" And after the word "Consent" in the seventh Line of the fifth Page, add the following Words "And that I will diligently and faithfully perform the several Duties appertaining unto my Office according to the best of my Power and Ability." And in the Eleventh Line of the same Page leave out the words "or to resign his Benefice"

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table

William Fitzhugh Esq from the Upper House delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill entitled An Act to ease the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Attorneys ffees, thus indorsed "By the Upper House of Assembly October 29:<sup>th</sup> 1770 Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho."

And thus "By the Upper House of Assembly October 31:st 1770 Read the second Time and will pass with the Amendment annexed.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho."

After the word "same" in the fourth Line of the fourth Page insert as follows viz.

Whereas by the Act entitled "An Act for rectifying the ill Practices of Attorneys of this Province and ascertaining ffees to the Attorney General, Clerk of Indictments, Attorneys 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 expressly enacted "That if any Attorney or other Person practicing the Law in any of the Courts of this Province do presume to ask, receive, take or demand any greater or larger ffee than before by the said Act appointed and be thereof legally convicted he shall be uncapable to practice 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 ffees of Lawyers unless they be strictly held not to ask, receive, take, or demand, any ffees beyond such Regulation and Limitation: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid That no Attorney or Lawyer shall plead the Cause of any Suitor 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