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X.

and Clerks, in relation to the making true, lawful and faithful Entries and Records, according to the Intention of the same Act, as appears, and on which depends intirely the Usefulness of the same Records :

The under-named Officers shall not take upon them the keeping of the Records, &c. till they have first given Security in the following Sums :

Secretary  
3000/.

Register in  
Chancery  
1000/.

Commissary-  
General  
3000/.

Register of  
the Land-Of-  
fice 3000/.

County Clerk  
1000/.

Condition of  
the Bond.

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the last Day of March, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, it shall not be lawful for the Secretary, Register in Chancery, Commissary, Register of the Land-Office, or other Person who shall be appointed to receive the Fees of the same Land-Office, or the several and respective County Clerks, within this Province, their Deputies, Officers, or Under Clerks, who shall have the keeping of the said Secretary's, Chancery, Commissary's, Land, or County Court, Offices, committed to them, to take upon themselves the keeping any of the said Records, or to receive or apply to their Use any of the Fees, Profits or Benefits, arising, or to arise, from their said several and respective Offices, until such Secretary, Register in Chancery, Commissary-General, Register in the Land-Office, or the Person or Persons to whom the Care and Keeping of the said Land-Office is or shall be committed, by what Denomination soever he or they may or shall be called, and the said several and respective County Clerks within this Province, or such County Clerks as shall hereafter be appointed, whether for any Counties now being, or which shall hereafter be laid out, appointed, or nominated, have entered into Bond, with Two good, able and sufficient Sureties, being Persons of visible and landed Estates within this Province, in the Name of the Lord Proprietary, *That is to say*, The Secretary for the Provincial Office, in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money; the same Secretary, Register in Chancery, or whoever receives the Profit and Benefit of the Fees accruing in the Chancery-Office, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money; the Commissary-General, for the Commissary's-Office, in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money; the Register of the Land-Office, or by whatever other Denomination the Person or Persons is, are, or shall be called, to whom the said Office and Perquisites is, are, or shall be committed, in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money; and the several and respective County Clerks within this Province, now being, or who shall hereafter be nominated or appointed, respectively, whether of Counties now laid out or appointed, or of Counties which hereafter shall be laid out and appointed, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money: All which Bonds respectively, shall be Conditioned as follows;

“ *The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bounden*  
 “ *whilst he shall continue in the Office of* *shall at his*  
 “ *own proper Cost and Charge, find a Supply of good and sufficient Record Books,*  
 “ *necessary for the Entering up of all Matters and Things relating to such*  
 “ *Office, and shall and will make, or cause to be made and entred, true, legal and*  
 “ *perfect Records and Entries, according to the Truth and Nature of the Matter*  
 “ *or Thing requiring to be Entred or Recorded, and shall duly and carefully look*  
 “ *after, sustain, preserve, repair and maintain all the several Books, Papers and*  
 “ *Records, now being and remaining in the said Office, as also all those that from*  
 “ *Time to Time, during his Continuance in the said Office, shall be added thereunto,*  
 “ *in such Manner, as that in case of Death or that he shall be legally dismissed*  
 “ *from officiating longer in the said Office, he the said* *his Executors*  
 “ *or Administrators, shall surrender and deliver up, or cause to be surrendered and*  
 “ *delivered up, to the next Person who shall succeed him in the said* *Of-*  
 “ *fice, all the Papers and Record Books now being in the said*  
 “ *Office, in good Order and Repair, as also all such other Papers and Record Books*  
 “ *which shall be by him added, in like good Order and Repair, with the Records and*  
 “ *Entries faithfully, legally and truly made up and entred during the Time he hath*  
 “ *officiated in the said* *Office, without Favour or Affection, but ac-*  
 “ *cording*