

Clerk of Indictments in any of the County Courts of this Province, or any other Attorney practising in the said Courts shall issue forth any summons or other process against any person or persons for any Criminal matter or misdemeanor without presentment be found first by the grand jury against the said person or persons or special order of Court appearing upon Record to justify the same, the said Clerk of Indictments or other Attorney so offending shall forfeit and pay for such his offence the Sum of two thousand five hundred pounds of Tobacco, the one half to his Majesty towards the defraying the County Levy, the other half to the party grieved or to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of this Province, wherein no Esloyn or Protection shall be allowed Neither shall the party offending have any Appeal or Writ of Error, but the judgment of the County Court shall be definitive therein, and if the Clerk of the Provincial Court of this Province, or any of the Clerks of the County Courts of this Province shall issue out summons or other process in criminal causes without an order for the same, under the hand of an Attorney practising in the said Court or Courts to justify the same, the said Clerk or Clerks so offending shall be liable to the same forfeitures and penaltys of Attorneys so offending, and the said forfeitures to be recovered and go to the use aforesaid.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Attorney General of this Province shall not recover nor receive any fee for any Navigation Bond put in Suit, either where the certificate was before the Suit of the said Bond lodged in the Secretarys Office of this Province, or where it can be prov'd that he knew there was such certificate return'd, neither shall the said Attorney General receive or have any fee for any Bond taken for Countrey dues, where the said Bond appears not to be forfeited, which was the true intent and meaning of the said Ordinance of Assembly; and if the said Attorney General after the end of this Sessions of Assembly shall sue any bond taken contrary to Act of Parliament, or any Bond taken for Countrey dues, & no Bills of Exchange appearing protested, nor no other failure to forfeit the said Bond, or where the certificate is returned into the Secretarys office appointed for keeping the same, any of which cases appearing to the Provincial Court, the said Attorney General shall not only loose his fee but pay the honourable Secretarys fees and what other charges the party hath been out in defending the same, to be adjudged by the Provincial Court; and whereas several persons have been sued in his Majesty's Name for a certain Sum, without ever mentioning for what the said Bond was taken, so that the said persons do not know what courses to take or whom to apply themselves to. The refore

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when any Writt is issued forth upon a Bond taken in his Majesty's name it shall be indorsed on the back do as followeth, if a Navigation Bond, for whom the person was bound and in what year, if a Sherrifs Bond, at whose request and prayer it was sued, or Bond taken in any of his Majesty's Offices in this Province it shall be indorsed at whose request it was sued, and for want of such indorsment the Writt shall abate, and the party grieved shall recover his cost against the Attorney that sued forth the said Writt.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that upon any presentment of the grand jury upon the breach of any of the penal Laws of this Province, save that for suppressing of Criminals and trying of them in the County Court if the party presented confesses his crime and submits to the Court the Clerk of the indictments shall have his fee for the same, but if the party traverse and puts himself upon a jury, then the said Clerk to have two hundred pounds of Tobacco fee, and that upon any presentment grounded upon the Law for suppressing Criminals upon any Statute of England, if Bill be found by the grand Jury, the Clerk of the indictments shall have two hundred pounds of Tobacco fee, and that upon presentment found in the Provincial Court the Attorney General to have four hundred pounds of Tobacco fee.

*An Act of directions for the Sherrifs Office in this Province.*

**F**ORASMUCH as great complaint hath been made by many the inhabitants of this Province, that great & many inconveniencys have happened and for the future may happen and accrew to Merchants and other persons trading into or inhabiting in this Province, who have several debts and Sums of To-