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## OFFICERS FEES.

1. Security shall be given for Payment of all Officers Fees, accruing by any Suit commenced in any County Court by the Plaintiff, in case he doth not reside in that County; or, in Default thereof, or of his Attorney's signifying his Intention of Paying the same, shall suffer Non-Suit. 1715, *ch. 48*, §. 12.

2. Security shall be given for Officers Fees by Non-Residents, who demand Process in their own Names, without any Titling from an Attorney. 1716, *ch. 20*, §. 2.

3. All Officers, whose Fees are due on Execution, shall draw out the Particulars in a fair legible Hand, and in Words at full Length; on Forfeiture of such Fees, if expressed in abbreviated Words. 1717, *ch. 2*, §. 2; and 1731, *ch. 15*, §. 2.

4. Any Public Officer having made out his Fees contrary to the Intent of this Act, and insisting on Levying the same, shall be fined 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco: One Half to the Free School in *Annapolis*; the other Half to the Person informing or suing for the same. 1717, *ch. 2*, §. 2.

5. No Sheriff shall be allowed any Fee for executing for any Public or County Levy, or any other Public Dues, or Officers Fees. 1724, *ch. 21*, §. 2.

6. Sheriffs executing Goods for Officers Fees, shall proceed therein according to the Act of 1716, *ch. 16*, §. 2. *Ibid.* §. 3.

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1. Orphans entitled to any Part in the Distribution of an Intestate's Estate, if capable of chusing Guardians, shall be called into Court, then and there to chuse their Guardians, into whose Hands their Estates shall be committed. 1715, *ch. 39*, §. 7.

2. But, if such Orphans be not at Age, then shall the County Court appoint fit Persons, to whom such Orphans and their Estates shall be committed, taking Bond with Two sufficient Sureties in the Name of the Orphans, for securing and delivering the same to the Orphans or their Guardians, when thereunto lawfully called, &c. *Ibid.*

3. Orphans shall not be charged by Administrators or Guardians, &c. for Diet, Cloaths, Physic or Education; but shall be supported by the Interest of their Estate, or Increase of their Stock: Which, if too small for a liberal Education and Maintainance, the Orphans shall be bound out Apprentices by the County Court, till the Age of Twenty-one Years. Unless some Relation, or charitable Person, will undertake to maintain and educate them, for the Increase of their small Estate, without Diminution of the Principal; which shall always be delivered to the Orphans at the Ages herein limited. *Ibid.* §. 9.

4. All Male Orphans shall be of full Age to receive their Estates at Twenty-one Years. *Ibid.* §. 13.

5. But any Person, appointed Executor or Executrix by any Last Will, shall be accounted of Age, sufficient for that Trust, at Seventeen. But, if under Seventeen, then shall the Administration be committed by the Commissary-General, *durante Minoritate*, to such proper Person as he shall approve of, to the proper Use and Behoof of the Infant Executor, &c. and not in

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any other Manner. And Infant Administrators are declared to be under the like Reasons and Law. *Ibid.* §. 13 and 14.

6. Female Orphans shall be accounted of full Age to receive their Estates at the Age of Sixteen, or Day of their Marriage, which shall first happen. *Ibid.* §. 15.

7. Where a Protestant dies, leaving Children, and a Widow who shall afterwards intermarry with a Person of the Romish Communion, or is herself a Papist, the County Court may, on Application, remove the Children out of the Mother's Custody, and place them under Protestant Trustees, and allow the Interest of their Estates, or such Part thereof as may be necessary for their Support, so as not to diminish the principal Estate. And the like Care shall be taken that the Children of all Protestants of the Church of *England*, shall be brought up in the Principles of that Church. 1729, *ch. 24*, §. 12 and 13. See also 1715, *ch. 39*, §. 10.

8. The County Courts shall take sufficient Security for Orphans Estates, and enquire thereof yearly; and, as often as they find it necessary, may require new or better Security; and, in case of Refusal, shall immediately remove such Orphan's Person and Estate into other Hands. And, in case such Guardian, &c. shall refuse to obey their Order of Removal, may issue Attachment, &c. against such Guardian, &c. to answer the Contempt; and commit him to Prison till such Order be complied with. 1715, *ch. 39*, §. 20; and 1729, *ch. 24*, §. 6.

9. In case the Guardians and Sureties prove Insolvent, and that none will undertake the Guardianship and give Security, the County Court shall take the Estate into their own Hands, to Sell the same, (Negroes and Plate excepted) and dispose of the Produce, Negroes and Plate, to the Orphan's best Advantage, taking Security for the same; and may also demise any Lands or Tenements belonging to such Orphan. 1729, *ch. 24*, §. 6.

10. The County Courts shall, yearly, in *June* Court, cause an Orphan Jury to be summoned, who shall enquire, upon their Oaths, Whether the Orphans be kept, maintained, and educated, according to their Estates? And whether Apprentices are taught their Trades, or rigorously used, and turned to common Labour, at the Axe or Hoe, &c. 1715, *ch. 39*, §. 21.

11. If they find that Orphans are not maintained and educated according to their Estates, or Apprentices not taught their Trades, &c. the Court shall remove them to other Guardians and Masters. *Ibid.*

12. If they find that such Apprentices are put to other Labour, &c. to the Neglect of their Trades, the Courts shall adjudge the Masters to make Satisfaction to the Apprentices for their Labour, &c. *Ibid.*

13. Guardians Bonds and Orphans Indentures shall be recorded in the County Court; and the County Clerk shall present the Orphan Jury, every *June* Court, with a List of the Orphans and Apprentices of their County. *Ibid.* §. 22.

14. The Justices, every *June* Court, shall give in Charge to the Orphan Jury, to enquire if any Waste hath been made of Orphans Lands? Under Penalty of 1600<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco: One Half to the Support of Government; the other Half to the Person suing for the same in the Provincial Court. *Ibid.* §. 33.

See *Administration Bonds*, 1. *Administrators*, 12. *Commissary-General*, 6. *Fieri facias*, 6. *Fines*, 14. *Guardians*, per Tot. *Widows*, 7.

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