

*An Act declaring how Fees for Naturalization, and other private Laws, shall be proportioned.* No 14.

WHEREAS divers Complaints have been made, that several Persons have exacted and taken immoderate Fees of Persons for private Bills; For Prevention whereof for the future, Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Fees to be taken by the several Clerks and Officers belonging to the Assembly, for Naturalization, and other private Laws, be such as shall be allowed and adjudged by the respective Assemblies, when and where such Persons shall be naturalized, and such Bill pass; and that no Person whatsoever presume to demand or exact any more Fees of any such Persons naturalized, or for whom such private Act shall pass, than what are so allowed and to be allowed, under the Penalty of Two thousand Pounds of Tobacco to every such Person exacting or extorting more than what is or shall be allowed by such Assembly, assessing the Fees, as aforesaid; the said Forfeitures to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed; the one Half to Her Majesty, for the Support of the Government of this Province; the other Half to the Party grieved.

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*An Act against Excessive Usury.*

No 15.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, within this Province, whether Inhabitant or Foreigner, upon any Contract from and after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, shall exact or take, directly or indirectly, for Loan of any Monies, Wares, or Merchandizes, or other Commodities whatsoever, to be paid in Money, above the Value of Six Pounds for the Forbearance of One hundred Pounds for One Year, and so after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time: Nor shall any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, as aforesaid, from and after the Time aforesaid, exact and take, directly or indirectly, for Loan of any Tobacco, Wares, Merchandizes, or other Commodities, for One Year, to be paid in Tobacco, or other Commodities, of this Province, above the Value of Eight Pounds of Tobacco for the Forbearance of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time. And that all Bonds, Contracts, and Assurances whatsoever, made after the Time aforesaid, for Payment of any Principal Money, or Tobacco, Goods or Commodities aforesaid, to be lent or covenanted to be performed upon or for any Usury, whereupon or whereby there shall be reserved above the Rate of Six Pounds in the Hundred for Money, as aforesaid, or above Eight Pounds in the Hundred for Tobacco, or other Goods or Commodities, as aforesaid, shall be utterly void; and that all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, which after the Time aforesaid, shall, upon any Contract