

cut off, and be branded on the Chin with the Letter R, by such Person authorized as aforesaid by such Commissioner as aforesaid: Always excepting from the aforementioned Punishments, young Negroes that are not arrived to the Years of Discretion; and New Negroes Twelve Months after their Arrival here in the Country.

Punishment
of Young and
New Negroes
excepted.

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, March the 15th, 1725. The following Laws were Enacted.

An ACT to restrain the ill Practices of Attorneys, and to prevent their taking Money-Fees, and ascertaining what Fees shall be allowed to the Practitioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit Courts.

Act 7

WHEREAS the sundry Laws that have been heretofore made, to restrain the evil Practices of Attorneys, and to ascertain their Tobacco-Fees in the several Courts of this Province, have been found ineffectual; inasmuch that Complaints are made from sundry Parts of this Province, of the exorbitant Fees taken by Counsellors at Law, Chamber-Counsel, Barristers, Attorneys, and other Practitioners and Advisers in the Law, to the great Damage and Aggrievance of the good People of this Province, and Impoverishing themselves and Families: All which, this General Assembly hath taken into Consideration; and, for Prevention thereof, do pray that it may be Enacted:

Complaints
being made of
the exorbitant
Fees taken by
Attorneys, &c.

For Preven-
tion,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, it shall not nor may be lawful for any Counsellor or Counsellors, Attorney or Attorneys, or any other Person or Persons, of what Denomination soever in the Law, to ask, demand, take, or receive, on any Pretext or Pretence whatsoever, any greater, or other Fee or Fees, Gratuity or Gratuities, Gift or Gifts, Present or Reward whatsoever, either by himself or any other Person, for his Use, for Counselling, Commencing, Advising, Prosecuting and bringing to final Judgment, Agreement or other End thereof, any Cause whatsoever, to be prosecuted or impleaded in any Court or Courts, as aforesaid, other than such Fees as are hereafter enumerated, (that is to say,)

No Counsel-
lor, Attorney,
or other Per-
son practising
the Law, shall
take any other
Fee or Reward
than is here-
after men-
tioned.

For Bringing, Prosecuting or Defending, any Action of what Nature or Quality soever, to final Judgment, Agreement, or other End thereof, in the several County-Courts, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; unless the principal Debt or Damage, or Balance of any Debt or Damages sued for and recovered, do exceed the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or Ten Pounds Sterling; that then the said Attorney shall have Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco and no more.

Attorneys
Fees in the
County Court
for less than
Ten Pounds

To