

Provided nevertheless, That in case any Person shall ask Advice of any Attorney or other Person whatsoever, in order to the prosecuting any Action or Suit whatsoever, if no Action be commenced on such Advice, or Action not defended by such Attorney or other Person practising the Law, it shall and may be lawful for such Attorney, or other Person, to take, as a Fee for such Advice, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco and no more, under the Pain and Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, one Half thereof to the Informer, and the other Half to the Use of Publick Schools; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Attorneys
Fee for Ad-
vice only,
without com-
mencing Suits.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, practising the Law within this Province, or other Person within the Purview of this Act, shall presume to take or receive, of any Client or Employer whatsoever, in Lieu of the Tobacco Fees by this Act limited, more than the Sum of Ten Shillings current Money per Hundred, under Pretence of selling their Fees to their several Clients or Employers, or under any other Colour or Pretence whatsoever.

No Attorney
to take more
than Ten
Shilling Cur-
rent Money,
per Hundred
in lieu of To-
bacco Fees.

And be it further Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That where any Attorney or Attorneys practising the Law, in any Court or Courts, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, within this Province, who already have been employed, or shall hereafter be employed by any Person or Persons whatsoever, in any Action or Actions already commenced, or hereafter to be commenced, in any Court or Courts, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions aforesaid, who shall wilfully neglect, refuse or deny to finish the same, so that their Clients or Employers shall suffer Non-Suits or Judgments to pass against them, or shall be obliged to employ another Person or Persons, to prosecute or defend such Cause or Causes as aforesaid, that in all such Cases, such Attorney or Attorneys, so neglecting or refusing, shall be obliged to refund all such Fees as they have or shall receive of their Clients or Employers; and also pay all such Damages, Costs and Charges, as to the Parties may accrue by Means of such Neglect or wilful Refusal, which said Fees and Charges so laid out and expended, or Damages sustained by such Client or Clients, Employer or Employers, if they exceed the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or One Pound Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence current Money, shall be recovered in the Provincial or County-courts of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, where no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Penalty on
Attorneys,
neglecting to
finish their
Clients
Causes.

But if the said Damages, Costs and Charges, do not exceed the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or One Pound Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence current Money, the same shall be recovered according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts.*

Provided always, That such Attorney, or other Practitioners of the Law, heretofore employed in any Action, as aforesaid, as shall depart this Province before the finishing such Actions, shall be exempted from all Penalties inflicted upon Attorneys, or others, by this Act, for not finishing the Business they are employed in; if, before such Departure, such Attorney, or other Practitioner of the Law, shall pay the Fee of such

Attorneys
Duty who
leave the
Province.