

such other Practitioner of the Law as their Clients shall employ, to finish such Action, and give the best Instructions for doing the same, as they are capable of; any thing in this Act contained, to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

All Attorneys, &c. to take the Oaths to the Government and subscribe the Test, before he presume to take a Fee,

On Penalty of Fifty Pounds.

No Attorney to be allowed any Fee for prosecuting any Suit of his own.

Late Act of Assembly relating to Attorneys, made void.

Proviso for Attorneys to prosecute Actions already commenced.

Nor are debarred from prosecuting their own Causes.

Provided they make appear they are really their own.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall presume to ask, take or receive of any Person or Persons whatsoever, any Sum or Sums of Money, or Tobacco, Wares or Merchandizes, for giving their Opinion or Advice, in any Cause or Causes, already commenced, or hereafter to be commenced, in any of the Courts or Jurisdictions of this Province, before he or they have taken the several Oaths to the Government, appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, and subscribed *The Test*, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, the Sum of Fifty Pounds current Money, the one Half to the Informer, or him, her or them who shall sue for the same, the other Half to the Use of the County-School where such Person so offending shall dwell; 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.

*And to prevent Attorneys from commencing Litigious Actions, purely to increase their Fees, Be it further Enacted,* That no Attorney, or other Practitioner of the Law, shall hereafter be allowed any Fee for Prosecuting any Action or Suit of his own; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That an Act of Assembly, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Sixth Day of October, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five, Entituled, *An Act to restrain the ill Practices of Attorneys; and to prevent their taking Money-Fees; and ascertaining what Fees shall be allowed to Practitioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit Courts;* and every Matter, Clause, and Thing therein contained, be for ever hereafter declared to be utterly abrogated, and made null and void, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever.

*Provided,* That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to hinder any Attorney or Attorneys, Practitioners or Advisers in the Law whatsoever, from Prosecuting, Defending, or causing to be brought to final End or Judgment, any Action or Actions, he or they have already brought, commenced, prosecuted or defended, against any Person or Persons in this Province, either in Behalf of themselves, or any other, which have been commenced or brought at any Time before the Sixth Day of October, Seventeen Hundred Twenty Five; nor to debar or hinder any Practitioner in the Law whatsoever, from bringing, prosecuting, or defending, in his or their proper Person or Persons, any Action or Actions that relate to him or themselves.

*Provided,* They or any of the Attorneys aforesaid, shall make appear upon Oath, before the Justices of the Court or Courts where such Action or Actions are brought, or defended, That the said Action or Actions, so brought or defended, are what they are really, and *bona fide*, concerned in, on their own personal Right, or as Executors or Administrators

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