

ment or Information, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, and no more.

If any presume to ask, receive or take larger Fees, than before appointed, (if thereof convicted) they shall be incapable of practising in any Court in the Province.

ALL Bills, Bonds or Specialties taken by any Attorney or Clerk of any County Court, shall be indorsed on the Back thereof for *what Matter and how the same did become due*, and for default thereof, shall be void.

ATTORNEYS Fees shall be levied by way of Execution, as other Officers Fees are, and the Sheriffs are ordered to levy and execute the same accordingly.

No Clerk shall issue any Blank Writs, under the Penalty of *Six Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, one half towards the Support of Government, the other half to the Informer or Person who will sue for the same.

No Attorney shall practise the Law in any of the County Courts, till admitted by the Justices, who are empowered to admit or suspend, if they see cause, until the Lord Proprietary Pleasure shall be known therein.

ANY Attorney or the Plaintiff that shall sue in any County Court where he does not reside, shall be obliged to give Security for Payment of all Officers Fees, that shall accrue on the Suit, on pain of paying such Fees himself or suffering a Non suit.

No Courts in the Province shall admit any Attorney, who has been formerly refused to be admitted by the Governor, or that shall not qualify himself, by taking the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament.

**ACT for Direction of the Sheriffs Office,**  
*Passed April 26th, 1715.* } and restraining their ill Practices,  
 within the Province.

**N**O Sheriff, Under Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff shall seize any Tobacco untript, or any Merchants or other's Tobacco, received, marked and nailed, for any Cause whatever, but only for Levies due the publick County, Parish, or for the *Forty per Poll* due to the Minister; the Sheriff is empowered to break open the Lock of any Tobacco or other House, where Tobacco is secured, with Intent to prevent the Seizing for Levies and Dues as aforesaid, but must not seize more than what is due, without giving Satisfaction or allowing the Owner to take the Overplus out of the Hoghead, under the Penalty of *Two Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco for every such default, one half towards the Support of Government, the other half to the Party grieved. When Tobacco in a Hoghead is seized, if the greatest Quantity is due to the Sheriff, he keeps the Hoghead, and gives the Overplus out of it to the Owner; but if what is due the Sheriff, is less than what belongs to the Owner,