

It is provided, that this present Act or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to the Negotiation or Management of the Lord Proprietaries private Affairs, so as the same no way relate to the Affairs of the Government of the Province, or to any Judicial or Ministerial Offices, thereon depending, or to the Collection of any Dues arising therefrom, or to any Office, Matter or Thing thereto relating.

PROVIDED also, that nothing herein contained, shall extend to the Exemption of any Person or Persons from taking the Oaths by this Act directed, who were obliged to take the Oaths appointed or required by Law, before the making of this Act.

Passed July 17th, 1716. } **ACT** for repairing the Damages already sustained in the Records of the Land, Secretaries, Commissaries and County Court Officers, and for the Security of the same for the Future.

BY this Act, (the same being in bad repair) Commissioners are appointed to inspect the Records of the Land, Secretaries and Commissaries Offices, and to employ proper Persons, at the Charge of the Publick, to compleat the Repairing of the same, in Three Months thereafter.

AFTER repaired, the Secretary and Commissary are to enter into Bond with sufficient Sureties, in *One Thousand Pounds*, before two Provincial Justices, carefully to keep the said Records in repair; which Bonds must be proved, recorded and lodged with the Clerk of the Council, all which Bonds shall be conditioned as follows, viz.

THE Condition of this above written Obligation is such, that if the above bounden ——— whilst he shall continue in the Office of ———, shall at his own proper Cost and Charges, find a Supply of good and sufficient Record Books, necessary for entering up of all Matters and Things relating to such ——— Office, and shall duly and carefully look after, preserve and maintain all the several Books of Records now being and remaining in the said Office, as also those that from time to time shall be added thereto, in such Manner as that when the said ——— shall be dismissed from officiating longer in the said Office, he shall deliver all the aforesaid Records to the next Person that succeeds in said Office, in good order and repair, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Assembly, in that Case made and provided, that then the above written Obligation to be Void and of none Effect, otherwise to remain in full Force and Virtue in Law.