

Sum of *Fifty Pounds* Current Money, many of the Inhabitants are put to great Inconveniences and Expence, either by being obliged to repair to the Commissary-General for the passing of such Accounts where the Estate as aforesaid exceeds the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* Current Money, or for obtaining special Commissions from the Commissary-General, directed to the several Deputy-Commissaries, enabling them so to do: For Prevention of which Evil,

THAT the Deputy-Commissaries within this Province, in their respective Counties, shall be, and by Virtue of this Act they are hereby authorized and empowered to pass any Accounts of the Estates of deceased Persons, without any special Commission from the Commissary-General, where the Amount of the Inventory of such Deceased's Estate does not exceed the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Current Money.

AND whereas Pauper Estates, by former Laws of this Province, do not exceed *Ten Pounds* Current Money; That during the Continuance of this Act, all Estates not exceeding *Thirty Pounds* Current Money, shall be deemed Pauper Estates; and that in such Case, there shall be no larger or other Fees taken by any Deputy Commissary, than is by a former Act settled as to Pauper Estates not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, nor any Fees at all by the Commissary-General.

AND to prevent the Clerks and Registers of the several Courts within this Province from multiplying Fees, by entring unnecessary Motions, Petitions, and Orders; That in all Cases civil and criminal, wherever any Motions are made, or Petitions tendered for any Order, no Entry shall be made of them, nor any Charge either for Motion, Petition, or Order, unless it shall be particularly required by some Party to the Matter, over and above the Sum allowed by this Act to be charged; and that then and in such Case only, the Party at whose Request such Entry of Motion, Petition, or Order, shall be made, shall be charged therewith, and be liable therefore, in such Manner as is by this Act directed; and that the adverse Party shall not be liable for the Cost of such Entry of Motion, Petition, or Order, over and above the Sum allowed by this Act to be charged.

THAT no Officer or Officers, their Clerks, Ministers or Servants, in this Act mentioned, shall charge any other or larger Fees than by this Act is limited and appointed, under any Pretence whatsoever, nor under any other Denomination than mentioned in this Act, unless the Consent and Approbation of the General Assembly of this Province be first had and obtained. And if any Officer or Officers, their Serjants, Ministers, or Clerks, shall demand and take any other or larger Fee or Fees, than is herein before mentioned, that then and in such Case, they forfeit and pay to the Party or Parties, from whom they shall demand and take such extraordinary Fee or Fees, not only the Fee or Fees so charged or taken, but also the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds* of  
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