

Between the year 1632 and 1642 no Certainty of any Regulation appears to have been made of the Fees of the Ministers of the Court of Justice and some Officers of the Government.

In 1642 A Table of Officers Fees was assented and published under the Great Seal of the Province by the then Lieutenant General & Council of the S. Province

In the year 1676 By a Message from the Upper House of Assembly in the said Province the Lower House was acquainted that the List of Chancellors Fees was settled by the then late Lord Proprietary, And his then present Lordship would not Consent to any Act for setting the same, it being his Prerogative; But that that List might be Recorded in the Journal of the House; Whereupon the Lower House voted, That in regard his Lordship declared that an Act for the Chancery Fees would trench on his Lordships Prerogative the Lower House did not desire to do the same by Act, But all that they aimed at was. That the Inhabitants might certainly know what Fees they were to pay And since nothing could be more reasonable than that the same should be settled & published, the Lower House humbly requested his Lordship to ascertain the Fees of all ^{his} Lordships Officers, And that fair Lists thereof might be drawn out with his Lordships Assent thereunto, And that true Copies of the same might be sent to the respective County Courts with the Laws made this Assembly there to be Published and Recorded; And that an Act might be drawn up that every Officer exceeding the same may be fined &c.

Pursuant whereunto An Act was passed that Assembly for the Limitation of Officers Fees, with the following Proviso viz. If any Fees for any matter or thing hereafter to be done belonging to their several Offices and Offices And by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant and Governour So allowed and adjudged and not in this Act mentioned Limited and allowed Then it shall and be Lawfull to have and receive such Fees as the Lord Proprietary and Council shall allow and no more.

N. B. This Act of 1676 was a perpetual Law.

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