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Mr Blakiston received a Commission in 1692 from their
Majesties to be Commissary General and was thereby empowered
to receive the fees and Emoluments that should be settled by them
or their Governor and Council

Governors Nicholson Blachiston Seymour and Karl the
successive Governors after Copley appointed by the Crown till Lord
Baltimore was restored were respectively empowered by their
Commissions to settle the Fees of Officers.

In the Province of New York the Fees of Officers were settled
in the year 1700 by the Governor and Council and their Regulation
has continued to the present Time

In the year 1733 there then being no Act of Assembly for the
purpose and Lord Baltimore being in Maryland. He settled the Fees
of Officers

The Costs in the Courts of Law and Equity consist
of the Fees paid to the Officers ^{and} Lawyers and from the year
1733 to the year 1747 the Officers charged their Fees according
to his Lordships Settlement and all the Judgments of the several
Courts during that Period were accordingly.

In 1747 An Act of Assembly passed for the Imposition of
Tobacco and by this Act Tables of Fees for all the Officers were
established - This Act being temporary expired in the year 1770.

In the expiration of this Act Governor Eden and the Council
settled the Fees according to the Tables of the said expired Act,
and a Proclamation issued to notify the same

It is to be observed that Fees have always been charged in
Tobacco and it being inconvenient to pay when and as soon as
the Services are performed the Officers have always given Credit
to the Debtors and the Fees are annually collected by the Sheriffs.

In the Acts of Assembly settling the Fees of Officers a Remedy
was given to them to compel Payment of Fees by Distress and on
this Account particularly the Officers have been desirous of a
Settlement by Act of Assembly and on Account of this Convenience
to the Officers ~ Advantage has been taken or aimed at from time