

An Act For Limiting the County Clerks Fees within this Province

His Lordship the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary will
ing and desiring the ease and convenience of his good
people in Suits at Law did at the first Sessions of this
assembly by the advice and Consent of the upper & lower
houses of asembly by an act intituled an act for the ease of
the Inhabitants of this Province in suits of Law for small
Debts ordained and Enacted That no Debt under the sume
of fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco should be sued but
in the County Court by means whereof multiplicity of Suits
and Actions are moved and stirred in the said County Courts
to the great profits of the Clerks thereof in their fees and
whereas by another act made at the same assembly in
titled an act For officers fees the Secretaries Fees are
settled which was never intended by the said act to relate
to any other matters then for Fees relating to the Pro
vinciall Court and Secretaries Office nor can the words
in the same Warrant any other Construction yet never
the less the said County Court Clerks by colour of the said
act (their fees having not as yet been otherwise settled)
doe presume to take the same fees for such things as
doe relate to their Respective Offices as are limited to
the Secretary to the great grievance of the many & poore
Suitors in the County Courts of which many Complaints
have been made to the Delegates of the lower house of
assembly for the prevention whereof for the future & for the
ascertaining the said County Clerks Fees The Delegates
of this present Generall Assembly doe pray that it may be
Enacted and Be it Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of the upper
and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and
the authority of the same That from hence forth no Clerks
in any County Court within this Province shall demand
take exact or Receive of any Sutor plaintiff or Defendant
or other Sutor or Petitioner any other Fees then are here
by limited and Directed Viz

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If halfe folio	4
For a copy thereof if the same be desired & delivered as before	
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