


Counties of this Province occasioned for that they have been forced to pay the fees of imprisoned Criminal persons, the persons by who such fees ought heretofore to have been paid or hereafter to be paid being released, and going free, to the great encouragement of offenders for probation whosoever for the future.

Be it enacted by the Right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and consent of the upper and Lower houses of this present gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly and the authority of the same That from henceforth no person either Sheriff or Goalor shall charge either their own County to which they do belong, or the Publick for any fee for any Criminal committed to his or their Charge having a sufficient Estate in this Province wherewith to pay the same or being capable to make satisfaction for the same by sorbitudo or otherwise, But that such Criminals as aforesaid being discharged by Order or course of Law shall pay his own fee to the Sheriff or Goalor according to Act of Assembly either out of his said estate, or by sorbitudo or otherwise whatsoever And the Sheriff or Goalor shall not demand of such Criminals so discharged by Ord<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid any fee for any thing after the said Ord<sup>r</sup> made unless the party so freed as aforesaid shall delay payment of such fees by sorbitudo or otherwise. PROVIDED always that this Act shall not extend to Malfacto<sup>r</sup>s which are executed, or to such other persons who are banished having no estate in this Province, or Servants Criminals, In all w<sup>ch</sup> Cases the Sheriffs or Goalors shall receive and be paid such fees by the County where the fact was committed and the Criminal resided, or by the whole Countrey at the discretion of the Justices of the Provinciaall Court, and

\*  Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that all and every Servant Criminal for whom the County shall pay the fees due to the Sheriff as aforesaid shall after the end and expiration of his time of sorbitudo to his master satisfy unto the Commissioners of the County who paid such his fees for him to the Sheriff as aforesaid for the use of such County, such sume as they have paid as aforesaid. And the severall Commissioners of the severall Countys shall and are hereby impowred to make inquisition after all such servants Criminals for whom the County hath defrayed the said fees to the Sheriff, And the said Comiss<sup>rs</sup> according to their best discretion shall Order the said servants to make such reasonable satisfaction to the County as they