

An Act for payment of Fees due from
Criminal persons.

BE IT ENACTED by His Majesty's most Excellent Majesty
by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Privy Council
and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the
same that from henceforth no Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk, Esquire or other
Officer shall charge either their own County to which they belong
or the public with any Fees for any Criminal committed to the Charge
of the said Sheriff or Coroner having sufficient Estate in this Province
wherewith to pay the same or being capable to pay the same by
Forfeiture but that such Criminals being discharged by order
and due Course of Law shall pay their own Fees to Sheriff, Coroner
Clerk and Esquire and other Officers being such as they may demand
according to Law either out of their Estate or by Forfeiture or otherwise.

PROVIDED always that this Act shall not extend to
Malefactors that are executed or to such other persons who are
committed having no Estate in this Province or to servants Criminals
for whom the County shall pay such Fees as are due by the Acts of Assembly
to the Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk, Esquire or other Officers of such Court where
such Criminal shall be committed.

And be it further enacted that all Officers Fees
due by Law from Criminal servants shall be paid by the County where
the fact shall be committed and that all and every such Criminal servants
for whom the County shall pay the Fees due by Law to such Officers as
aforesaid shall after the end and expiration of this time of Forfeiture
to the Master Jailor pay unto the Commissioners of the County
who shall pay such the Fees for him to the Sheriff & other Officers as aforesaid
paid for his use of the County such Sums as they have paid as aforesaid
and the several Commissioners of the several Counties shall and law-
fully are empowered to make Inquisition after all such servants Criminals
whom the County hath defrayed the said Fees to the Sheriff and other