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An Act to restrain the practices of Attorneys and to prevent their taking money fees and expences what fees shall be allowed to practitioners in the Law who shall attend the Circuit Courts.

Whereas the sundry laws that have been heretofore made to restrain the evil practices of Attorneys and to ascertain their Tobacco fees in the several Courts of this province have been found ineffectual inasmuch that complaints are made from sundry parts of this province of the exorbitant fees taken by Counsellors at Law Chamber Counsellors Barristers Attorneys and other practitioners & advisors in the Law to the great damage and aggrivance of the good people of this province and impoverishing themselves and families all which this General Assembly hath taken into their most serious consideration and for prevention thereof do pray that it may be enacted And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same that from and after the end of this present Session of Assembly it shall not nor may be lawful for any Counsellor or Counsellors Attorney or Attorneys or any other person or persons of what denomination soever in the Law to ask demand take or receive on any pretext or pretence whatsoever any greater or other fees or fees gratuity or gratuity's gift or gifts present or reward whatsoever either by himself or any other person for his use for Counselling Commencing Advising prosecuting and bringing to final Judgment agreement or other end thereof any Cause whatsoever to be prosecuted or Impleaded in any Court or Courts as aforesaid other than such fees as are hereafter enumerated (that is to say) for bringing prosecuting or depending any action of what nature or quality soever to final Judgment agreement or other end thereof in the several County Courts the sum of One Hundred pounds of Tobacco unless the principle Debt or Damages or Burden of any Debt and Damages sued for and recovered do exceed