

“ the Acts of Assembly, and the Directions in your Commission:
 “ That You shall do and procure the Profit of the Lord Proprietor
 “ in all Things where you may lawfully and reasonably do the same.
 “ And that you shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice;
 “ nor take any Gift, Bribe, or Fee, for delaying, or rendring Judge-
 “ ment, but shall behave your self justly, honestly, and faithfully,
 “ to the best of your Knowledge and Understanding, so long as You
 “ shall continue in the said Office. ”

So help You GOD.

By whom
the said Oath
shall be took.

Limited
Time for
Qualifying.

Some Judges
allow'd to
qualify, any
time before
they act judi-
cially.

And be it likewise Enacted, That the same Oath shall be taken by the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments, and other Proceedings at Common Law, the Justices of the Provincial and County-courts, and the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, for the Time being, as their proper Oath of Office, to be administred as hath been heretofore used; and that the same be administred to the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments, and other Proceedings at Common Law; the Justices of the Provincial and County-courts, and the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, now in being, by Virtue of, and according to the Directions of the severall Commissions, Writs of *Dedimus Potestatem*, or the other Authorities that the late Form of their Oath of Office was administred by: And that after the last Day of *March* next, none of the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments, and other Proceedings at Common Law, nor the Justices of the Provincial or County-courts, nor the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, be capable of acting in their respective Stations, without having first taken and continuing under the Obligation of the said Oath, as their proper Oath of Office, in Manner aforesaid.

Provided, That if the Judges in the High Court of Appeals, Provincial Courts, and Courts of Assize, take the said Oath at any time before they proceed to the Judicial Determination of any Matters of Law in their respective Courts, the same shall be taken as a full Compliance with the Directions of this Act. Any thing herein before contained to the contrary, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

An ACT directing the Payment of Fees arising due on the Prosecution of White Servants, which shall hereafter be imported into this Province.

Preamble.

FORASMUCH as it is evident to this present General Assembly, That the Charges of late arising to the Publick and severall of the Counties within this Province, on the Prosecution of Servants, have been a very great Burthen to the Publick. And whereas it is manifest, that severall Felonies and other Offences have been frequently committed by Servants, which might have