

“ 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 Judgment, but shall behave yourself justly,  
 “ honestly and faithfully to the best of your Knowledge and Understand-  
 “ ing, so long as You shall continue in the said Office.”

*So help You G O D.*

*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 administered as hath been heretofore used ; and that the same be administered 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 several Commissions, Writs of *Dedimus Potestatem*, or the other Authorities that the late Form of their Oath of Office was administered 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.

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

**F**ORASMUCH as it is evident to this present General Assembly, That the Charges of late arising to the Publick and several 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 several Felonies and other Offences have been frequently committed by Servants, which might have been prevented by their Masters, by taking Care to keep them in due Order and Subjection, and sometimes Servants have been induced by the Encouragement, and sometimes by the Severity of their Masters, to commit Felonies and other Crimes, the Masters well-knowing that in case of Prosecution