

To Pa's Ac-
counts of
150 l.

Be it Enacted, That the Deputy-Commissaries within this Province, in their respective Counties, shall be, and by virtue of this Act they are, hereby authorized and impowered, to pals any Accounts of the Estates of deceased Persons without any special Commission from the Commissary-General, where the amount of the Inventory of such Deceased's Estate, does not exceed the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds Current Money.

Pauper Estates
under 30 l.

And whereas Pauper Estates by former Laws of this Province, do not exceed Ten Pounds Current Money; *Be it also Enacted*, That during the continuance of this Act, all Estates not exceeding Thirty Pounds Current Money, shall be deemed Pauper Estates, and that in such case there shall be no larger or other Fees taken by any Deputy-Commissary than is by a former Act settled as to Pauper Estates not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor any Fee at all by the Commissary-General.

Unnecessary
Fees not to be
charged.

And whereas it is greatly complained of to this present General Assembly, that in many or all the Courts of this Province, the Clerks and Registers of such Courts greatly multiply Fees, by entering unnecessary Motions, Petitions and Orders; *Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That in all Cases Civil and Criminal, wherever any Motions are made, or Petitions tendered for any Order, no Entry shall be made of them, nor any Charge either for Motion, Petition or Order, unless it shall be particularly required by some Party to the matter, over and above the Sum allowed by this Act to be charged; and that then and in such case only, the Party at whose request such entry of Motion, Petition or Order, shall be made, shall be charged therewith, and liable therefore, in such manner as by this Act is directed, and that the adverse Party shall not be liable for the Cost of such entry of Motion, Petition or Order, over and above the Sum allowed by this Act to be charged.

Officers
charging Fees
not allowed
by this Act,
to pay
5000 lb. Tob.

And be it further Enacted, That no Officer or Officers, their Clerks, Ministers, or Servants, in this Act mentioned, shall charge any other or larger Fees than by this Act is limited and appointed, under any pretence whatsoever, nor under any other denomination than mentioned in this Act, unless the Consent and Approbation of the General Assembly of this Province be first had and obtained: And if any Officer or Officers, their Servants, Ministers or Clerks, shall demand and take any other or larger Fee or Fees, than is herein before mentioned, that then and in such case, they forfeit and pay to the Party or Parties, from whom they shall demand and take such extraordinary Fee or Fees, not only the Fee or Fees so charged or taken, but also the Sum of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Action on the Case, Indictment or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance, shall be allowed. And in case the Party grieved doth not prosecute the Officer so offending, within six Months from the Time of such Offence committed, that then and in such case any other Person may prosecute for the same.

Officers to be
Sworn.

The Oath.

And be it further Enacted, That all Officers mentioned in this Act, who shall enjoy any the Offices aforesaid, shall on or before the Tenth Day of December which shall be in the Year Seventeen hundred and forty-eight, take the following Oath, before some Provincial or County Magistrate, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same, *viz.* *You A. B. do swear, that you will well, faithfully and impartially, to the best of your skill and knowledge, execute your Office, and that you will not willingly or wittingly, charge, ask, take, exact or demand, any other or larger Fees for doing your Duty in your Office, than is mentioned in the Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees, now in force.* And as often as any Person or Persons shall be appointed for said Office or Offices, they shall take the said Oath prior to their receiving any of the Profits of any such Office or Offices.

Fees to be
charged at
length.

And be it further Enacted, That Accounts of all Officer's Fees in this Act mentioned, shall be made out and drawn in a fair and clear manner, and in Words at length; and whenever any Person or Persons interested in them, or to whom the same shall be charged, shall desire a Copy of such Account, the several

Officers