

And whereas it is and has been a frequent Practice among Parties to Suits, to summon several Witnesses to the Proof of one and the same Matter of Fact in a Cause, and many others who really know nothing of the Fact, and are summoned only to enhance the Costs, to the great Burthen and Oppression of the Party who, by the Judgment of the Court in such Cause, is awarded to pay the Costs of such Suit: For Prevention whereof for the future, *Be it Enacted*, That in any Bill of Costs, in any Action or Actions to be commenced after the End of this Session of Assembly, there shall not be allowed the Charge of above three Witnesses to the Proof of any one particular Matter of Fact, or any other Witness or Witnesses, that shall appear to the Court to have been unnecessarily summoned.

No more than three Witnesses to be allowed in the Bill of Costs.

And whereas there is not by any Law now in being, Provision made for allowing itinerant Charges to Witnesses, who may be summoned and attend to testify at the Assizes or County Courts, residing in a different County than that where such Court of Assize or County Court shall be held, to which he, she, or they, shall be summoned to give Evidence: *Be it further Enacted*, That where any Person shall be summoned to attend as a Witness, to testify at the Assizes or any County Court within this Province, who shall at the same Time reside in a different County than that where such Court of Assize or County Court shall be held, to which he or she shall be so summoned to give his or her Evidence; in all such Cases it shall and may be lawful for the Justice or Justices of Assize, as the Case shall happen, or the Justices of the County Court, to allow such Witness as aforesaid for so many Days itinerant Charges, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable, at the Rate of twenty-four Pounds of Tobacco *per Diem*, over and above the Time that such Witness shall attend such Court, to which he or she shall be so summoned to give Evidence.

Itinerant Charges allowed to Witnesses residing in other Counties.

Provided always, And *be it further Enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Inhabitants and Suitors, to pay and discharge the said several and respective Quantities of Tobacco in Current Money, at the Rate of twelve Shillings and six Pence *per Centum*, in the same Manner as they are enabled to pay and discharge the Public or County Levy.

Proviso.

This Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the said three Years.

Continuance of this Act.

An Act repealing Part of an Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels.

WHEREAS, by an Act entituled, *An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the third Day of October, Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred twenty and eight, it is amongst other Things enacted, That every Person that should bring to any Justice of the Peace within this Province the Heads or Scalps of any more Squirrels or Crows, than the three for each Taxable by the said recited Act required, should for every such Head or Scalp be allowed in the County Levy, where such Squirrel or Crow was killed, the Sum of two Pounds of Tobacco; which Allowance is found by Experience to be very burthensome to the People, and no Ways to answer the End for which the same was made:

Preamble.

Be it therefore 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, and the Authority of the same,