

chargeable with and pay such Fees; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it likewise Enacted, That the Justices of the several and respective County Courts within this Province shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of their respective Counties, all such Fees as are herein before directed to be paid by the respective Counties of this Province, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, as often as the Case shall require, during the Continuance of this Act.

The said Fees to be levied on the taxable Inhabitants;

And be it likewise Enacted, That all such Fees shall and may be paid by the Inhabitants of this Province in the same Manner, as they are allowed by Law to pay any other County or Public Charges; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

And paid as other Public and County Levies.

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

Continuance of this Act.

An Act for taking off corporal Punishment inflicted on Females having base-born Children, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

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, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, every free Woman who shall commit Fornication, and shall be thereof convicted in any County Court of this Province, either by Confession or Verdict, shall be fined by the Justices of the said Court in the Sum of thirty Shillings, current Money of this Province, for her said Offence. And in case such Offender shall refuse or neglect to discover to the said Court, upon Oath, the Person with whom she committed such Offence, that then she shall be fined by the said Court, in a summary Way, the further Sum of thirty Shillings like Money, as a Fine for such Person, over and above the aforesaid Fine for her own Offence as aforesaid, together with all Charges of such Prosecution: And in case she shall make such Discovery as aforesaid, that then the said County Court shall be, and they are hereby authorized, directed, and required to proceed against such Person, in like Manner as in other criminal Cases; and if he shall be convicted of such Offence, by Confession or Verdict, then he shall, by the said County Court, be fined in the Sum of thirty Shillings current Money, for the said Offence, together with all Charges of such Prosecution.

Persons convicted of Fornication, to be fined 30 s. each.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That in case a Birth shall proceed from such Fornication, and such Woman shall refuse or neglect to discover as aforesaid; then she shall, over and above the Fines aforesaid, be ordered and adjudged by the County Court, to give good Security to keep the Child so born from becoming any Charge to such County; or for want of such Security, she shall be and stand committed to the Sheriff's Custody. And in case such Discovery as aforesaid shall be made in Manner aforesaid, then the Person with whom she committed such Offence, shall, over and above the Fine aforesaid, be ordered and adjudged by the County Court, to give good Security to keep the Child so born from becoming any Charge to such County; and for Want of such Security, he shall be and stand committed to the Sheriff's Custody, and such Woman shall go thereof discharged.

Security to be given in Case of Bastardy.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if such Woman, guilty of Fornication as aforesaid, will not discover