

from the Time of such Offence committed, that then and in such Case, any other Person may prosecute for the same. C H A P. I.

CX. And be it further Enacted, That all Officers mentioned in this Act, who shall enjoy any the Offices aforesaid, shall on or before the last Day of *March*, which shall be in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-four, 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 entitled, 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.

Officers to be sworn.

The Oath.

CXI. And be it further Enacted, That Accounts of all Officers 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 shall, and are hereby required to give such Person so applying therefore, in as short a Time as may be convenient, an Account of such Charge in Words at length. And that all Under-Clerks and Deputies, writing in any the Offices aforesaid, or doing Service in them, shall by the Time aforesaid, or before they enter into any of the Services aforesaid, before some Provincial or County Magistrate (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same), take the following Oath, under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Refusal or Neglect, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, nor more than one Imparlance; the one Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same, and the other Half to the Use of the County where such Neglect or Refusal shall happen, towards defraying the Charge of carrying this Act into Execution, viz. *You A. B. do swear, that you will not, for Lucre or Malice, delay any Person or Persons applying to you for any Business belonging to the Office you officiate in; and that you will not, directly or indirectly, ask, demand, take, or receive from, or charge to, any such Person or Persons, to your own Use (except your Salary from your Principal), any Fee or Reward whatsoever, for any Service you shall do as Clerk of the said Office: And also that in making out the Office Fees, you will not wittingly or willingly charge other or higher Fees, than limited by the Act entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees.* Which said Oaths beforementioned, shall be severally returned by the Magistrate before whom the same shall be taken, to the Provincial or County Offices, as the Case shall require, and be there entered on Record. And that all and every Person or Persons, claiming Right to any Fee or Fees, allowed by this Act, shall be obliged to set up and affix in the most public Place of his Office, a Table of Fees, to the Intent that all Persons concerned may have Recourse to the same.

Fees to be charged at length.

Under-Clerks to be sworn.

Penalty for refusing to swear.

The Oath.

Oath to be recorded.

Table of Fees to be set up.

CXII. And be it further Enacted, That no Officer or Officers herein beforementioned, under the Penalty aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid, shall make or send out their Fees on Execution but once in every Year, and that between the First Day of *December*, and the Tenth Day of *January* yearly, during the Continuance of this Act. And that the Party or Parties charged, their Persons, Goods, or Chattels, shall not be executed for any of the aforesaid Fees, unless their Accounts be delivered them at or before the last Day of *February*, in any Year they shall be demanded.

Time of sending out Fees on Execution.

Accounts to be delivered before the last of February.

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