

JOHN EAGER HOWARD, Esquire, Governor.

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courts of this state, to wit: On every writ of ejectment, partition or dower, seven shillings and six-pence current money; on every writ of trespass *quare clausum fregit*, five shillings current money; on every other original writ, one shilling and ten-pence halfpenny current money; on every appeal, writ of error, *habeas corpus*, *cum causa*, or *certiorari*, seven shillings and six-pence current money; on every commission to mark and bound lands, seven shillings and six-pence current money.

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XXXIII.

XX. And, as a further fund for the payment of the salary of the chief justice, Be it enacted, That every attorney who shall practise in any county court in this state, shall take a licence of admission to practise therein, for which he shall pay the sum of three pounds current money, at the time of obtaining such admission, and the same sum annually during his continuance to practise therein.

Attornies to  
take licences,  
&c.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the said taxes shall be paid to the clerks of the respective counties at the time of issuing the said licence, process or commissions, or of entering the said appeals, or producing the said writs of error, *habeas corpus*, or *certiorari*, by the persons applying for the said licence, process or commissions, or desiring the said appeal to be entered, or producing the said writs of error, *habeas corpus*, or *certiorari*, and shall be allowed and taxed in the costs of suit; and the clerk of every county shall, every six months, settle his accounts, on oath or affirmation, with the treasurer of his shire, and shall pay the sum adjusted to the said treasurer for the use of the chief justice of his district, within thirty days after such settlement, on the penalty of paying twenty *per cent.* on the money in his hands; and every county clerk may retain at the rate of three *per cent.* for his trouble in receiving and paying the said fees according to this act.

Taxes to be  
paid to clerks,  
&c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the justices of the peace for the several counties, at the time of laying their county assessment for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, and every year thereafter, shall ascertain the amount of the money collected in their county from the tax herein before imposed, by a certificate from the clerk of their county, and thereupon the said justices, after deducting the sum so paid by their clerk, shall lay such sum on their county as will make up the deficiency of the sum payable by their county as aforesaid towards the annual allowance to the chief justice of their district, and the aforesaid commission for collection; and if there shall be any surplus of the money paid into the treasury by the clerk of any county beyond what will pay the quota of such county, the said surplus shall be applied to the use of the said county.

Justices to as-  
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amount, &c.

XXIII. And, whereas the office and duties of justices of the peace are considerably increased in the several counties of this state, and it is reasonable that every person who dedicates his time or labour to the public should receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for his services, Be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the several justices of the peace, and associate justices, in the several counties of this state, to ask and receive the fees allowed and limited by this act for services expressed in the following table, and such fees shall be taxed and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be rendered, to wit: For issuing a warrant for debt or tobacco, for any sum or quantity of tobacco not exceeding three pounds, or four hundred and eighty pounds of tobacco, six-pence; if above three pounds, or four hundred and eighty pounds of tobacco, and not exceeding five pounds, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco, nine-pence; if above five pounds, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco, and not exceeding ten pounds or one thousand pounds of tobacco, one shilling and three-pence; every summons, including all the witnesses applied for at the same time, nine-pence current money, and the whole expence of *subpoenas* for witnesses in no one case shall exceed three shillings; *venire* to summons freeholders, one shilling and six-pence; *causa*, same fees as in warrants, according to the sums; *seri facias*, same fees as on warrants, according to the sums; recognizance for defendant's appearance, *super sedes* of judgment in the general or county court, each justice one shilling; every oath administered, four-pence; probate of account, four-pence; every affidavit, six-pence; every judgment rendered, same fees as on warrants, according

Fees allowed  
to justices of  
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