

And whereas the Community would be greatly benefited, if the Members of the Lower House of Assembly of this Province were independent, and not under the Influence of the Lord Proprietary or the Government: Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person, who shall have in his own Name, or in the Name of any Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, any Office or Place of Benefit whatsoever, under the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, or any Pension having a Pension, Gratuity or Reward, from the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, shall, at any Time within Four Years after the End of this Session of Assembly, be capable of being elected or chosen a Member, or of sitting or voting as a Member of this present, or any future, Lower House of Assembly.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who shall have or hold any Office or Place of Profit, or Pension, Gratuity or Reward, as aforesaid, at any Time within Four Years from the End of this Session of Assembly, shall presume to sit or vote in the said Lower House of Assembly, then and in such Case he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money, for every Day which he shall so sit or vote in the said Lower House of Assembly; one Half thereof to the Use of the Free-School of the City of Annapolis, and the other Half to him, her or them, that will sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Essoin, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, and only one Impar lance.

And be it further Enacted, That no Person within Six Years after he shall have ceased to be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, shall, in his own Name, or in the Name or Names of any Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit whatsoever, under the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, or have or receive any Pension, Gratuity or Reward, from the said Lord Proprietary or the Government.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person within Six Years after he shall decline or cease to be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, shall either in his own Name, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit, or receive any Pension, Gratuity or Reward whatsoever, from or under the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, he shall forfeit the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person having or holding any such Office, Place of Profit, or Pension, Gratuity or Reward, shall at any Time, within Four Years from the End of this Session of Assembly, be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, his Election shall be, and is hereby declared to be void, and a new Writ shall issue for a new Election, as if the Person holding such Office, Place of Profit, Pension, Gratuity or Reward, was naturally dead.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person, during the Time he shall be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, to ask, require, solicit for, or any Ways endeavour to procure, any Office or Place of Profit, or Pension, Gratuity or Reward, from the said Lord Proprietary or the Government, for any Relation, Friend, or other Person whatever, under the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds Current Money; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That no Person, who now is, or hereafter shall be, appointed a Justice of the Peace for any County within this Province, by any Commission of the Peace, shall for and by Reason of such Commission only, or the Execution of any such Commission, or any Thing relating thereto, be disabled from being elected a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, or sitting and voting as a Member thereof; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas it is reasonable that the said Councillors and Delegates, and the said Commissioners of the Provincial Courts, should be paid annually for their Attendance on the Public Service: Be it therefore Enacted, That the Clerks of each House of Assembly, shall, at every Session which shall hereafter happen, lay before the Committee of Accounts, when thereto required, an Account of the Number of Days which each Member of their respective House has attended as a Member thereof during such Session; and the Clerk of the Provincial Court shall also at every Session, lay before the said Committee an Account of the Number of Days each Justice of the said Court has attended thereon; and the said Committee, together with so many Members of the Upper House, not exceeding Two, as the said House shall think fit to appoint, shall be, and are hereby appointed, a Committee to meet at the City of Annapolis, on the second Monday in October yearly, then and there to assess and apportion such Sums of Tobacco as shall appear, by the Returns of the said Clerks, to be due to the Councillors, Delegates, and Commissioners aforesaid, together with the Sheriffs Salary for Collection thereof, by even and equal Portions, on the taxable Inhabitants of this Province, according to the Account of the Lists thereof to be returned for each Year; and particu-