

An Act for Regulacōn of Attorneys Fees

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The Delegates of this present Assembly having taken into Consideracōn the Just Comp^{ts} of Severall of his Lord^{ps} good people of this Province by the abuse of severall persons in this province Practising as Attorneys Counsellors & Sollicitors at Law in this Province by taking and exacting of excessive Fees of their Clients whereby many of the good people of this Province are much burthened and their causes much delayed and by the great number of Attorneys whereby many unnecessary and Troublesome Suites are raised & fomented doe Humbly pray y^r Lop^p that it may be enacted & be it therefore Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} by and with the advice & consent of the upper & Lower House of this present Gen^l Assembly and the Authority of the same that there be a certaine number of Attorneys admitted nominated & Sworne by his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^l or other cheif Governor of this Province for the time being to be Attorneys Cuncello^{rs} or Sollicitors in the Pro^{all} Chancery Court or other Court of Record within this Province for the Following prosecuting defending or Pleading of any accōn or accōns Suite or Suites in any the said Courts and no person or persons shal be admitted to plead prosecute and defend any Suite or Suites in any County Court of this Province as Attorney Cuncellor or Sollicitor but such only as shall be thereunto appointed by the Comiss^{rs} of each respective County Court & that all Attorneys so nominated and appointed as aforesaid shall take the usuall Oath of Attorney And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no person or persons whatsoever now admitted & sworne or hereafter to be admitted or sworne as afores^d shall at any time hereafter directly or indirectly aske demand take or receive of any of their Client or Clients whatsoever in mony goods tobacco or any other Security to that purpose to be given above the vallue of Foure hundred pounds of tobacco for any Fee gratuity or Reward for the prosecuting Following defending counselling advising or pleading of any one Cause or suite whatsoever hereafter to be begunn prosecuted Followed pleaded or defended in any of the Courts held before his Lop^{ps} Justices of the Pro^{all} Court (the Chancery Court only excepted) from the first Comencem^t of any Suite to the Finall determination thereof and for the prosecuting pleading or Defending of any Suite in the Court of Chancery not exceeding the Vallue of eight hundred pounds of Tobacco & that all persons hereafter to be admitted & Sworne Attorneys in the Severall & Respective County Courts shall not att any time hereafter directly or indirectly aske demand take or receive of any of their Client or Clients w^tsoever in money goods tobacco