

Comissarys Gen<sup>ll</sup> for a Speciall Comicon for the same, with U. H. J. which Concession it being the greatest we can Make we hope that Bill will pass your House.

Signed p Order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

Sent down by Phil Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> who says he Delivered it.

The petition of some of the late Practitioners of the Law praying to be heard ag<sup>t</sup> the preamble of the Bill Entituled An Act for restraining the ill practices of Attorneys as follows viz.

To the Honourable the Upper House of Assembly

The Petition of Some of the late Practitioners of the Law in this province

Humbly Sheweth

That a Bill haveing pass'd the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lower House Entituled An Act to restrain the ill practices of Attorneys and to prevent their takeing money ffees and ascertaining what fees shall be allowed to Practitioners in the Law who shall attend the Circuit Courts, which Bill Contains the following Preamble, Whereas the sundry Laws that have been heretofore made to restrain the Evill practices of Attorneys and to Ascertain their Tobacco fees in the severall Courts of this Province have been found ineffectual in so much that Complaints are made from sundry parts of this Province of the Exorbitant fees taken by Councillors at Law Chamber Councill Barristers, Attorneys and other Practitioners and Advisers in the Law to the great Damage and Aggrievance of the good People of this Province and Impoverishing themselves and familys all which this generall Assembly hath taken into their most serious Consideration and for prevention thereof do pray that it may be Enacted,

That no proof being Offered nor any Single Instance given that your Petitioners or any of them were or was guilty of any Extortion or Violation of any former Laws nor of any other misbehaviour in their profession; they Conceive themselves to labour under very great Hardships by a Charge of so heinous a nature standing against them in a publick Law, which Charge neither can, nor ever was Attempted to be proved. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that they may not be deprived of the Rights of British Subjects who by the Laws of God & their Country have an Indubitable Tyle to the Enjoyment of their Lives Libertys, Propertys and what is Dearer, their Reputation untill they are convict of some Crime but that they may have an oppor-