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of Record or Justice or Magistrate shall grant or signe Execution for any publick Officers Fees which Execution is given by Law Either to the Hon^{ble} the Secretary, Chancellour, Commissary, County Clark, Councill Clark or other Publick Officer or Clark till such Officer or Clerk or other Lawfull Clerk or Deputy that actually exercises such office maketh oath that the Servis for which such Fees are charged is done & compleatley finished, & if it depends upon any matter of record, that the record thereof is fairly entred up and compleated & that he hath examined the Fees therein charged by the Law & that he hath not willfully charged any Fee or Fees therein contrary to Law but in all respects agreeable to Law to the best of his knowledge which Oath shall be mentioned by the Court or Justice that signes such Execution that it was duely made before Execution signed, & if it appeir that any such Officer hath willfully sworne false in such Oath he shall be punished as for willfull & corrupt perjury. And be it further Enacted that If any such Publique Officer as aforesaid shall willfully Omitt or neglect making Entring up & compleating any matter or thing of Record by him to be Entred up finished & recorded by the Space of six months after the time that the same was transacted & done & fitt to be Entred up he or they so neglecting or Omitting by the time aforesaid shall loose and forfeit all such fees & profitts as by the same he might have charged required and demanded unless such Officer or Clark can make apeir that it was hindred or prevented for Executeing & performeing the same by Sickness lameness or any such like unavoidable Impediments. And to prevent any Errors in entring the Judgment & Orders of Court both of Previntiall or other inferiour Courts in Court time, Bee it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Minutes and Entreys of Every day shall be red over the next morning the first thing that is done by the Court in open Court, that if any mistake have hapned it may be then & their rectified & amended. And this meethod to be observed as well in proventiall as County Courts or other Courts of record in this Province, and the Clerks of the severall Countys & Proventiall Courts are hereby obliged to draw out a fair Coppy of his minutes of the foregoing day & present to the Justices every morning to be Red over & examined as aforesaid. And that the Records of the County & Proventiall Court may not faile to be duely entred up between Court and Court, the Justices of the Proventiall and County Courts are hereby oblided to appoint two of their brethren at the beginning of every Court to Examen if the Records of the preceding Court are duly entred up, & if they are not that the Justices take care to informe the Hon^{ble} the Secretary thereof that care may be taken theirin this Act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen.