

encreased & doth dayly prevaile within this Province to the great dishonour of Almighty God & of his most holy & blessed name & to the great Scandall & reproach of the Christian Religion for the prevention whereof for the Future be it enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majestie by & with the advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly & by the authority of the same that if any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province after the publicacōn of this Act shall profanely take the name of Almighty God or of his sonne our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ in vain by profane swearing or cursing or that shall use any other vain & profaine words or speeches tending to the dishonour of God in the presence or hearing of any one Justice of the Peace or of any head officer of any towne Citty or burrough within this Province or being proved before any one Justice of the Peace or head officer of any towne Citty or burrough where such offence shall happen to be committed by the Oath of one Witsesse or by the confession of the party Offending within 24 hours after such offence comitted shall pay & forfeit for every such offence the summe of Two shillings sterling to our sovereign Lord the King his heirs & successors to the use of the poor of such parish where such offence shall happen to be comitted to bee levyed upon such offender or Offenders by warrant from such Justice of the Peace or head Officer of any town Citty or burrough before whome such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted to the Constable or other Officers by sale of his her or their goods or Chattles rendring to them the Overplus & in case that such Offender or Offenders have not any Goods then to be sett in the stocks by the space of two hours.

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An Act for the Assesseing & settling the Clerk of the Councils Fees within this Province.

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Forasmuch as no Law of this Province hath hitherto provided what Fees shall be taken by the Clerk of his Maj^{ties} Hon^{ble} Council within the same & considering severall matters of a different nature (as well private as publique) do dayly occur & are managed by the said Clerk in the way of his office for which certain allowances or Fees (besides his Annuall sallary) have by sundry orders of Council from time to time thought reasonably to be given to & settled upon such Clerk for his better support & encouragement Yett to the end the same may by a Law be the better Established (& for the satisfaction of his Maj^{ties} good people of this Province) reduced to more certainty especially those Fees by writts of Error & appeals (brought before his Excellency the Governour & the hon^{ble} his Maj^{ties} Council of this Province) accruing being now Erected and constituted a Court for heareing & determining such matters Bee it Enacted by the Kings most excellent Maj^{tie} by and with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly & the authority of the same that the