

Offences whatsoever whether before or after Judgment and to do all and singular other things belonging to the Completion of Justice and to Courts Judicatories and Tribunals judicial forms and Modes of Proceeding although express mention thereof in these Presents be not made and by Judges by them delegated to award Process hold Pleas and determine in those Courts Judicatories and Tribunals in all Actions Suits Causes and Matters whatsoever. Lib. 82, J. R.

By virtue of the Letters Patent aforesaid Lord Baltimore erected Courts and appointed Judges Magistrates and Officers who have always acted and still act in the several Courts under such Appointment except from the year 1692 to 1715 when on Account of the Disability of the Lords Baltimore the Government was in the Crown till Lord Charles being a Protestant was in 1715 restored by George the First.

Between the years 1633 and 1637 the Officers appointed by Lord Baltimore or his Governor were authorised by their Commissions to demand and receive such fees as were usually paid in England or Virginia for similar Services.

In the year 1642 a Table of fees was settled and Published by the Governor & Council of the Province.

In the year 1676 a perpetual Act passed for Limitation of Officers' fees but before the said Act was framed the Lower House of Assembly were acquainted in a Message from the Upper that the list of Chancellor's fees was settled by the then late Proprietary and his present Lordship would not consent to an Act for settling the same it being his Prerogative, but that the list might be recorded in the Journals of the House whereupon the Lower House voted that they did not desire to intrench on his Lordship's Prerogative but all they aimed at was that the Inhabitants might certainly know what fees they were to Pay, and since nothing could be more reasonable than that the same should be settled and Published they humbly requested his Lordship to ascertain the fees of all his Officers and that fair Lists thereof might be drawn out with his Lordship's Assent and true Copies thereof be sent to the respective County Courts to be Published and recorded and an Act framed for fining every Officer exceeding the same.

In the Act of 1676 was the following Proviso "If any fees for any matter or thing to be done belonging to the several Offices and by the Lord Proprietary or his Governor so allowed & adjudged and not in this Act mentioned then it shall be Lawfull to receive such fees as the Lord Proprietary and Council shall allow and no more."

In June 1692 a General repealing Act passed in the same Assembly a Temporary Act for three years passed for Limi-