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sue for the same, the other Half to the Use of the County-School where such Person so offending shall dwell; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And to prevent Attorneys from commencing Litigious Actions, purely to increase their Fees, Be it further Enacted, That no Attorney, or other Practitioner of the Law, shall hereafter be allowed any Fee for Prosecuting any Action or Suit of his own; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That an Act of Assembly, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Sixth Day of October, Anno Dom' One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five, Entituled, An Act to restrain the ill Practices of Attorneys; and to prevent their taking Money-Fees; and ascertaining what Fees shall be allowed to Practitioners in the Law, who shall attend the Circuit Courts; and every Matter, Clause, and Thing therein contained, be for ever hereafter declared to be utterly abrogated, and made null and void, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever.

Provided, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to hinder any Attorney or Attorneys, Practitioners or Advisers in the Law whatsoever, from Prosecuting, Defending, or causing to be brought to final End or Judgment, any Action or Actions, he or they have already brought, commenced, prosecuted or defended, against any Person or Persons in this Province, either in Behalf of themselves, or any other, which have been commenced or brought at any Time before the Sixth Day of October, Seventeen Hundred Twenty Five; nor to debar or hinder any Practitioner in the Law whatsoever, from bringing, prosecuting, or defending, in his or their proper Person or Persons, any Action or Actions that relate to him or themselves.

Provided, They or any of the Attorneys aforesaid, shall make appear upon Oath, before the Justices of the Court or Courts where such Action or Actions are brought, or defended, That the said Action or Actions, so brought or defended, are what they are really, and bona fide, concerned in, on their own personal Right, or as
p. 289 Executors or Administrators of any Person or Persons deceased, without any Deceit, Collusion, or Artifice whatsoever, to evade the Oath of Client or Attorney, prescribed by this Act.

And, forasmuch as it is represented to this present General Assembly, That many Actions commenced before the Sixth Day of October last, have been discontinued, or the Persons commencing the same, have or may suffer Non-Suits, or Decrees or Judgments have been rendred against sundry Defendants, in the several Courts