

1752. month called January last, wherein the names of the months are called first, second, third and fourth, instead of January, February, March, April, and so of the rest, accounting always the month called January to be the first month of the year, shall and are hereby enacted and declared to be as good and available, and may be pleaded, and shall be deemed, adjudged and taken, in all courts of judicature, and elsewhere, within this province, to be as valid and effectual in law, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the months in such writings had been set down and expressed by their usual names, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And repealed,
(chap.
175.)

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the act of assembly aforesaid, entitled *An act to prevent disputes which may hereafter arise about the dates of conveyances, and other instruments and writings,* passed in the ninth year of the late queen Anne, and every clause, part and paragraph thereof, shall be and is hereby repealed and made void.

Passed 11th March, 1752.—Recorded A. vol. III. page 299.

CHAPTER CCCXCVIII.

An ACT for regulating and establishing fees. (y)

XXXVIII. *AND be it further enacted,* That no attorney or practitioner at law shall be admitted to make any plea at the bar, except in his own case, without taking the following qualification by oath or affirmation, viz.

Attorney's
qualification.

THOU shalt behave thyself in the office of attorney within the court according to the best of thy learning and ability, and with all good fidelity, as well to the Court as to the client: Thou shalt use no falsehood, nor delay any person's cause for lucre or malice.

Passed 22d August, 1752.—Recorded A. vol. III. page 255.

(y) This act was supplied, (chap. 1352,) and repealed by a general declaration, that "From and after the 1st day of October, 1795, the several laws of this commonwealth for regulating fees shall be repealed." The 38th section seems, however, not to have been within the design of the repeal, and is, therefore, preserved in this republication.

CHAPTER CCCXCIX.

An ACT for regulating attachments not exceeding five pounds. (z)

WHEREAS in the execution of a law of this province, passed in the twelfth year of the reign of king William the third, entitled *An act about attachments under forty shillings* many fraudulent practices have happened, not only to the injury of such creditors, whose demands have exceeded the sums in the said act limited, but of such other creditors also as were willing to accept of an equal share

(z) For a general reference to the laws and adjudications in cases of foreign and domestic attachments, see ante. chap. 142, page 45, and chap. 263, page 158, and the notes thereto subjoined.