

Great Law, chapter 38. See Vol. II St.L. 128, ch. XCIII.

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CHAPTER 26.

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[26] THE LAWS ABOUT FEES, BRIBERY & EXTORTION.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Fees & Salaries in all Cases shall be moderate & Limited by the Governor & Assembly, & be hung upp on a Table in every respective Court, and whosoever shall be convicted of taking more shall pay twofold and be dismissed his Employment, one Moiety of which shall goe to the party wronged.

And that all persons convicted of Bribery and extortion, shall forfeit double the same.

Be it further enacted That all Fees by Law established in this Province & Territories, shall be paid in Money or value thereof in Country-growth or produce at Current price.

Whereas Complaint hath been made that the Fees due to Severall Officers according to Law, are unpaid & refused by divers to be paid, and that it is both unreasonable & impossible that men should wait upon & serve other persons occasioned in any capacity in the Government without just satisfaction, Be it further enacted, that in Case any Fees shall be unpaid the first day of the next tenth month after they are due, upon Complaint to the County Court, Execution shall be granted upon the Goods & Chattells of the persons oweing the fees aforesaid.

Great Law, chapter 39; chapter 123, 1683; chapter 150, 1683; chapter 92, 1693.

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CHAPTER 27.

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[27] THE LAW ABOUT DEFALCATION.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That for avoiding numerous Suits, if two men dealing together be indebted to each other, upon Bonds, bills, bargains or the Like, provided they be of equal Clearness and truth, the Defendant shall in his answer acknowledge the debt