

ling ; Any thing in this Act, or any other Statute, Law, Use, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND whereas the Justices of the several County Courts of this Province, by their Commission cannot hold Plea or Cognizance of any Sum above One hundred Pounds *Sterling*, or Thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco ; and that it often happens that several Persons, Inhabitants of this Province, have Occasion to sue their several Debtors, likewise Inhabitants, as aforesaid, on Bills, Bonds, or other Specialties, and that the Penal or Principal Sum, for which such Bill, Bond, or Specialty was past, does exceed One hundred Pounds *Sterling*, or Thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, on which Bill, Bond, or other Specialty, a Sum under Twenty Pounds *Sterling*, or Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, remains due ; so that the Plaintiff putting such Bill, Bond, or other Specialty in Suit in the Provincial Court, must, by Virtue of this Act, be Nonsuit, and the Justices of the County Court by their Commissions not able to hold Cognizance of the same, by Means whereof the Party having Occasion to put such Bill, Bond, or other Specialty in Suit, was heretofore without Remedy : For Prevention whereof for the future, and that there may not be a Failure of Justice in such Cases, Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That every Person or Persons, Inhabitants of this Province, shall and may hereafter sue and implead in any County Court of this Province, where the Debtors reside, any Person or Persons, Inhabitants as aforesaid, their Debtors, on any Bill, Bond, or other Specialty, the Principal or Penal Sum whereof exceeds One hundred Pounds *Sterling*, or Thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and on which Bill, Bond, or other Specialty, there is not due to Balance above Twenty Pounds *Sterling*, or Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, but shall be above the Sum of Two hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence current Money. And the several Justices of the County Courts are hereby impowered to hold Cognizance of such Suit brought on such Bill, Bond, or other Specialty, and give Judgment for the just Balance, with Cost of Suit ; Their Commission, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, if any Drawer or Endorser of any Bill of Exchange shall be sued or Prosecuted in any Court of this Province for any Sum of Money due upon any Protested Bill of Exchange, the Attornies prosecuting or defending any Action thereupon, shall not exact, demand, receive or take any more than One lawful Fee for prosecuting or defending any Action upon any One Protested Bill, notwithstanding there be Two or more Endorsers, and the said Drawer sued and prosecuted : And that it shall and may be lawful for the Plaintiff in any Action to be brought on any Protested Bill, to put into any One Writ Two or more Defendants residing in One County, if Occasion shall require, and shall not pay for the same any other Fee or Reward than for One Writ ; and shall and may, at his Election, declare against such Defendants in One or more Declarations, as he shall think fit ; Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Defendant in any Writ issued or to be issued out of the Provincial Court, after Arrest, and Bail given to the Sheriff for his Appearance, and before the Return of such Writ, to go before the President, or any Two Justices of the County Court, where such Defendant shall be arrested, with Two Sufficient Freeholders, such as the Justice or Justices, before whom such Defendant shall go, shall approve of, and then and there give Special Bail to any Action by Virtue of such Writ ; which Bail so taken, shall be delivered to the Sheriff of such County, where the same is taken, to be by him returned, with such Writ, to the Provincial Court ; and the said Bail so taken and returned