

AND for the Ascertaining what Women shall be accounted Lewd, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Minister, Vestry, and Church-wardens of any Parish, where there is a Minister, and for the Vestry and Church-wardens where there is no Minister, before any Admonition by them, or any of them given, in Pursuance of the Directions aforementioned, to give Notice, or cause Notice to be given to any Person or Persons by them, or the major part of them, suspected of Lewdness or Incontinency, and being or residing within their respective Parishes, to appear before them, or the major Part of them, at such Time and Place, as they, or the major Part of them, shall appoint; and on the Appearance of such Person or Persons, to acquaint them of the Suspicion that is had of them; and to hear what reasonable Excuse such Persons shall offer, why they ought not to be proceeded against; according to Law, as Fornicators or Adulterers, as the Case shall happen: And in Case the Person or Persons having such Notice given them, shall not appear according to such Notice, on Affidavit of such Notice given, or appearing, do not excuse or acquit themselves of the Grounds of Suspicion, in such Manner as such Minister, Vestry, and Church-wardens, as aforesaid, shall approve, that then it shall and may be lawful for such Minister, Vestry, and Church-wardens, or the major Part of them, as aforesaid, and they are hereby required to admonish such Person or Persons according to the Directions aforementioned; which Admonition, together with Proof of the Cohabitation of the Parties so admonished, or their frequenting the Company of each other contrary to, and after such Admonition given, shall be sufficient Evidence in any Court of this Province, to convict the Persons so cohabiting or frequenting each others Company, after Admonition given, as aforesaid, of Fornication or Adultery, as the Case shall happen, and subject them to the Penalties beforementioned; Any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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*An Act directing the Manner of Suing out Attachments in this Province, and Limiting the Extent of them.* No 68.

WHEREAS it is highly expedient to settle the Manner of Proceedings on Attachments, and limiting the Extent of them, and to provide what shall be levied on such Attachments and Executions; Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from henceforth no Attachment shall issue out of any Court of this Province, before a Writ or Summons be first made out; upon which Writ, if the Party Defendant be an Inhabitant or Resident within this Province, and the Sheriff shall return a *Non est inventus*, one other Writ or Summons shall thereupon, in Manner aforesaid, issue forth against the said Defendant; and if the Sheriff shall upon the Second Writ or Summons return a *Non est inventus* likewise, an Attachment shall and may, in Manner and Form hereafter set down, be awarded; and in Case any Writ or Summons shall issue forth of any His Majesty's Courts within this Province, against any Person or Persons absent out of this Province, in such Case, upon the Return of a *Non est inventus* by the Sheriff on such Writ or Summons, and the Party Plaintiff his leaving with the Attorney of such absent Defendant (if he hath left any Attorney) a Copy of his Declaration, or short Note, expressing the Cause