

to be defended upon, nor the Judgements of those Courts, U. H. J. being generally Erroneous

That thô the Law has been once sent to England and nothing offered against it yet the Trade is visibly Attacked by this Bill, For that after the Merchants have created Debts in this Province they must be obliged to employ twelve Agents Viz. one in every County of the Province to attend the several County Courts.

He further objected that It was a lessening of the Practice of the Lawyers in the Provincial Court and consequently a Discouragement to Learning

That the Jurisdiction of the County Courts was already too large & whither It might not be advisable to lessen it. p. 917

M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Bordley one other of the Petitioners speaking against the Bill proposed offered that the Inconveniencies intended or Expected to be remedied by this Law might as well be otherwise Effected The Principal one obliging Persons sued personally to appear at the Provincial Courts being now remedied by the Act for taking Special Bail in the Counties And if people were arrested out of the Countys where they lived they might bring Habeas Corpus & be remanded to their own Countys

He gave some Instances that the Attornys of the County Courts nor the Judgements of those Courts were to be depended on

That the Act of Limitation being so short often barred the Action before a due prosecution could be made in the distant County Courts

That the lessening the Practice of the Lawyers in the Provincial Court was a great discouragem<sup>t</sup> to Learning in this Province and of Vast prejudice to the Attornys practising in that Court.

Then the Honble Philemon Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Secretary of this her Majesty's Province Standing up at the Board to this Effect, That it was not the Fees or Costs of Suit Expended in the Provincial Court but the Debts People lay under that obliged them to leave their Habitations and desert the Province. So that their being sued in the Provincial Court where they were only put to some few hundred pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> more in Cost of Suit was not the Aggrievance, therefore hoped if the Allegations in the Bill are not found true his Excellency p. 918 and this Board will not consent to lessen the Jurisdiction of the Provincial Court wherein he conceives her Majesty's Prerogative is concerned

And insisted on the Constitution of England that the Juris-