

C. P. with the Advice and Cons^t of his Majesties Govern^r Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that the Justices of the Provinciall and County Courts within this province doe with all Convenient speed after the publication of this Act att the Cost and Charges of the publick and their respective Counties purchase and procure or Cause to be purchased and procured the Statute books of England to this time and Dalton's Justice of the peace or such other usefull book of like Sort as such Justices shall think proper where they are not already procured for the use of their respective County Courts. And

Be it further Enacted by the Authority a^d that the Justices of the Provinciall and of each respective County Court within this province by force and Virtue of this Act may make such
 p. 35 rules and Orders from time to time for the well Governing and regulateing their said Courts and the Officers and suiters thereof as to them in their Discretion shall seeme meet and under such fines and fforfeitures as they shall think fitt not Exceeding one thous^d pounds of Tob^o in the Provinciall Court and five hundred pounds of Tob^o in the County Court for any one Offence all which fines shall be to his Maj^{ty} his heirs and Successors for the Support of Government.

And be itt further Enacted by the Authority a^d that any Debt or Debts of mony or Tob^o due to any p^{son} being above the Sum of four hund^d and not above the Sume of Ten thousand pounds of Tob^o and being Above the Sume of thirty three Shillings and four pence and not above the Sume of fifty pounds Sterl in mony whereof the plaintiffe is Desirous of a Speedy recovery against this Defendant his Debtor in the County Court he shall proceed against such Defend^t in Manner and forme following that is to say att the same time that the Plaintiffe sues out his writt against the Defendant he shall file with the County Clerk his Declaration thereon and the Clerk shall make a Cobby of the said Declaration and Deliver the same to the Sheriffe with the writt and if the Sher. Can
 p. 36 Serve the said writt upon the Defend^t and Deliver to the Defend^t the Cobby of the Plaintiffs Declaration Eight days before the returne of the said Writt then the Defendant shall be Obliged by Vertue of this Act to goe to Tryall with the Plaintiffe the same Court in which the writt is returned and shall not have any Imparlance and the Justices of the Sevⁿ and respective County Courts are Impowered by this Act to give Judgment against the Defend^t in Case of his refusall to plead or Answer as they might doe in Case of a Legall tryall had before them Except in some very Extraordinary Cases or Accidents att the Discretion of the said Justices.