

Bacon. not left an Attorney at Law, or in Fact, who is a Resident within the County, so that the Sheriff cannot conveniently give him or them Notice within Three Days after the serving such Writs according to the Exigence of this Act, and who shall not be present at such Time and Place of Appraisement, or who, on Notice given, shall not think fit to be present at such Time and Place, it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff to choose Two sufficient Free-holders, qualified as aforesaid, on Part and Behalf of such absent Party, to the Ends aforesaid. And in case that both Plaintiff and Defendant are likewise Non-Residents in such County, and cannot conveniently have Notice as aforesaid, nor shall be present thereat, that then such Sheriff shall be, and is hereby impowered, on Behalf of both Parties, to choose Four Appraisers qualified as aforesaid to make such Appraisement as aforesaid.

IV. Provided also, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to empower any Sheriff to levy by virtue of any Fieri Facias, for any Debt or Damage recovered against any Executor or Administrator, any Negro or other Slave, Plate or Jewels reserved in Favour of Orphans, by the Act for better Administration of Justice in Probate of Wills and granting Administrations, &c. but that the Sheriffs shall be, and are hereby obliged to follow the Directions of that Act, touching such Negroes and Slaves, Plate and Jewels; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act,

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An Act permitting the Inhabitants of this Province, to sue out Writs when Plaintiffs, and appear and give Judgment when Defendants, in the several Courts thereof in their own proper Persons.

Forasmuch as it has been represented to this General Assembly, as a great Aggrievance, that the several Inhabitants of this Province are not permitted to sue out Writs when Plaintiffs, or to appear and confess Judgment, when Defendants, in the several Courts thereof; but are in some Courts obliged to employ Attorneys to do it for them, which creates an unnecessary Charge;

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and