Liber H. S. or Actions against he Owner or Possessor of Such Dog, or Dogs before any Single Justice of the Peace of the County if fifty Shillings or under, and if upwards in the County Court of the County where the Damage was done, if the owner or Possessor aforesaid shall not reside in another County within this Province and if he or she shall reside in another County before a Single Justice of the County wherein he or she shall reside, if fifty Shillings or under or if above that Sum in the County Court of the County wherein the said Owner or Possessor shall reside, and recover the same with Costs of Suit.

Such damages how recover'dl

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And be it further Enacted that if the owner or keeper of any Bitch, shall whilst she is proud or in Heat, Suffer her to go at Large from the Limits of his her or their own plantation or Tenement or the plantation or Tenement whereon he, she, or they usually keep such Bitch, such owner or keeper shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty Shillings Current Money for every such offence to be recovered before a Single Justice of the Peace with Costs, and in Case of small Debts, one half thereof to the Informer, the other half to be paid to the Sheriff of the County for the same Uses as the Tax raised by Virtue of this Act.

[Dogs worrying Sheep, Hogs, &c. may be killed]

And be it further Enacted that if any Person or Persons shall find any Dog killing or Worrying or running after and pursuing his her or their Sheep Hogs or other Stock within their own Inclosures, it shall and may be Lawfull for them immediately to kill the same Dog or Dogs, and if it Can be proved by any disinterested Evidence that such Dog had before killed or Worried any Sheep Hogs or other stock as aforesaid, and the same Came to the knowledge of the owner or possessor thereof then and in such Case it shall and may be Lawfull for the Person or Persons injured to get the Value of the Sheep or Damages Certified as above and commence his or their Action for the Recovery thereof as aforesaid,

[Persons hunting on Lands, &c. with Dogs, forfeit 20 s]

And whereas it may often happen, that Sheep or Hogs may be killed and Destroyed by Idle, loose or disorderly Persons hunting and Rambling about on other peoples Lands with a Dog or Dogs; Be it Enacted By the Authority Advice and consent aforesaid, That if any Idle, loose or disorderly Person shall be hereafter seen hunting or Strolling about with a Dog or Dogs upon any Persons Land without the Owners Leave; he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money for every such offence to be recovered before a Single Justice of the Peace by Warrant as in case of small Debts with Costs, one half thereof to the Informer. the other half to be paid to the Justice before whom such recovery shall be had and to be by him paid over to the Sheriff of the County for the same Uses as the Tax raised by Virtue of this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Sheriffs of each County shall keep an exact account of all the