

Liber R. G. Cause until the Death of the Party or Arbitrator or Refusal to act  
 1771 or setting aside, such Award shall not run, be had reckoned or estimated as Part of the Time limited for the bringing or prosecuting such Suit and that this Act shall and may be taken Advantage of in Bar of the Act of Limitation without any special Replication any Thing to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding.

[Writs of Certiorari or Habeas Corpus, hereafter issued out of the Provincial Court to remove Causes depending in any County Court where the Debt, &c. shall not exceed 20 l. Sterling, the Justices shall, on Prayer, award a *Procedendo*.]  
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And be it further enacted that if any Writ of Certiorari or habeas Corpus shall be hereafter issued by Plaintiff or Defendant out of the Provincial Court to remove any Cause depending in any County Court within this Province if upon the Return of any such Writ and the Record certified into the said Provincial Court it shall appear to the Justices of the said Court that the Original Debt or Damages do not exceed Twenty Pounds Sterling, twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence Current Money or five thousand Pounds of Tobacco or where the Action shall be brought upon a Bond or other Specialty for the Payment of Money or Tobacco or Payment or Performance of any Bill of Exchange protested it shall appear to the said Justices that the Principal Sum mentioned in such Specialty or Condition thereof or due on such Bill of Exchange protested doth not exceed twenty Pounds Sterling, Twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence Current Money or five thousand Pounds of Tobacco the said Justices of the Provincial Court upon the Prayer of the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Cause shall award a *Procedendo* on such Writ of Certiorari or Habeas Corpus any Law Usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

[Judgments entered on Award, to be valid.]

And be it further enacted that in all Cases whatsoever where Judgments have been entered agreeable to Awards heretofore made the same shall be deemed and taken to be good and valid and as effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes as if the same Judgment has been rendered upon Verdict or Confession.

[Proviso.]

Provided always that Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to establish or in any Manner affect any Judgment that hath been entered on which any Writ of Error or Appeal hath been presented or is now depending but that such Judgment shall be considered in all Respects as if this Act had not been made, or be construed, to affect any Person or Persons that hath or have purchased any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments bona fide, and on good and valuable Consideration but that such Purchaser or Purchasers shall be and remain in the same State Right and Condition as if this Act had not passed

[Justices differing in Opinion, Persons affected may have his Bill of Exception.]

And Whereas Inconveniences have arisen to Suitors where the Justices of the several Courts of Law in this Province have been divided in Opinion.

Be it enacted and declared that in all Actions in any of the Courts of common Law of this Province wherein the said Justices shall be