

Passed 3d
June 1715.

An ACT ascertaining what Damages shall be allowed upon Protested Bills of Exchange. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 127.*

No more than 20 per Cent Damages, with Coſts, to be allowed on any Protested Bill of Exchange.

BE it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That there shall not be allowed to any Person or Persons whatsoever, having just Cause to implead any Person or Persons whatsoever, living or residing within this Province, upon any Bill of Exchange drawn for any Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever, payable in *England*, or elsewhere, and brought in here Protested, more than the Sum of Twenty Pounds per Cent Damages, over and above the Debt sued for and recovered, together with ordinary Coſts of Suit; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bills Protested and returned into the Province within Four Years after the Date, to be of equal Nature with Specialties, &c.

II. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, draw any Bill of Exchange upon any Person or Persons, or Society or Company, in *England*, or elsewhere, out of this Province, and the same be Protested, and the Protested Bills be returned into this Province within Four Years after the Date of such Bills, that then the Debt or Damage occasioned by the Non-Acceptance or Non-Payment of such Bills, shall be accounted a Debt of equal Nature with any Specialty; and in Payment of Debts by Executors and Administrators be preferred before any other Debt which is not under Hand and Seal; such Executor or Administrator having timely Notice of such Protested Bills of Exchange; any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bills returned Protested within 18 Months, to be allowed 15 per Cent.

III Provided nevertheless, That in case any Bill of Exchange, to be drawn after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall be returned into this Province Protested, within Eighteen Months from the Date of such Bill, there shall not be allowed above Fifteen per Cent, for the Damages thereon, besides the Coſts as aforesaid; any thing before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

IV. Provided, That this Clause, relating to Fifteen per Cent, on Bills of Exchange returned Protested in Eighteen Months, shall not be in Force till the End of One whole Year after the End of this Session of Assembly.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

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An Act to confirm and make valid in Law, all Manner of Process and Proceedings in the several Courts of this Province, from the Demise of her late Majesty Queen Anne, of pious Memory, to the End of this present Session of Assembly. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 128.*

Ditto.

An Act declaring the Continuance of the * Payment of the Twelve Pence per Hogshead, from the Death of the late Right Honourable Charles Lord Baltimore, until the Twenty-ninth Day of September next. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 129.*

* Which had been settled on, and accepted by his Lordship, during his natural Life, in Consideration of his receiving Tobacco at 2d. per lb in lieu of his Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations. Several Sums being received by his late Lordship's Officers, as by virtue of the old Act, before Notice of the Determination thereof by his said Lordship's Decease; the present Act continues the said Duty till Michaelmas ensuing, to be paid to the Treasurers of the Province for the Use of the Lord *Benedict Leonard*, the present Proprietary, in case he should favourably accept the same, on the same Conditions as his noble Father had 'til that Time: Or in Case of his Refusal, then the said Duty, together with what had been already collected, to be applied towards defraying the Public Charge of the Province.