

be required so to do in Writing, by the Defendant, or his *Attorney or Agent, declare in Writing what Sum or **762** Sums he hath assured, or caused to be assured in the Whole, and what Sums he hath borrowed at Respondentia or Bottom-ree, for the Voyage, or any Part of the Voyage in Question in such Suit or Action.

VII. And whereas it is unreasonable that any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Corporate, subscribing, sealing, or otherwise executing any Policy or Policies of Assurance, should be put to any Costs, Charges or Expenses, in any Suit or Action at Law, to be brought on such Policy or Policies, in case such Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Corporate, is or are ready and willing to pay such Damages and Costs, as shall and may be really and *bona fide* due thereon, which at present they are liable to, and often forced unjustly to bear, for that in many Cases upon such Policies, no Money can be brought into Court: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said first Day of August, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Corporate, sued in any Action or Actions of Debt, Covenant, or any other Action or Actions, on any Policy or Policies of Assurance, to bring into Court any Sum or Sums of Money; and if any such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall refuse to accept such Sum or Sums of Money, so brought into Court as aforesaid, with Costs to be taxed, in full Discharge of such Action or Actions, and shall afterwards proceed to Trial in such Action or Actions, and the Jury shall not assess Damages to such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, exceeding the Sum or Sums of Money so brought into Court, such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, in every such Case and Cases, shall pay to such Defendant or Defendants, in every such Action and Actions, Costs to be taxed; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

VIII. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That this Act shall not extend to, or be in Force against any Persons residing in any Parts or Places in Europe, out of his Majesty's Dominions, for whose Account any Assurance or Assurances shall be made before the twenty-ninth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-six: nor extend to, or be in Force against any Persons residing in any Parts or Places in Turkey, or in Asia, Africa, or