

Shall doe Contrary directly or indirectly to this Act. Shall loose & forfeit to the party grieved treble Damages And shall also forfeit the summe of Six thousand poundes of Tobacco or forty pound Sterling for every tyme he or they shall soe doe the Contrary the one moiety to the Lord Proprietary his Heires and Successors the other moiety to the party or parties that shall sue for the same by any plaint Acon Suite Bill or Informacon wherin noe Eschoyn Protection or wager of Law shall be allowed Provided always that if any fees for any matter or thing hereafter to be done belonging to their severall offices or officers by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant & Governour and Councell soe allowed and adjudged & not in this Act mentioned Limited and allowed Then it shall be lawfull to have & receive such fees as the Lord Prop^{ty} Councill shall Judge and allow & noe more under the Penalty aforesaid to be Recovered as aforesaid

An Act for easment of the Inhabitants of this Province
in Sutes att Law for Small Debts

Whereas the Inhabitants of this Province have been much grieved molested & troubled by being forced by Provinciaall Writts to appeare att the Provinciaall Courts for Attorneys there notwithstanding the debts for are very small & within the Cognizance of the County Courts of this Province for the provocation whereof for this purpose the Burgess and delegates of this present Generall Assembly doe humbly pray that itt may be enacted And Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice & Consent of the Upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same That from & after the Publication hereof noe action for a bookt debt or for a plain bill for or under the summe of fiftene hundred poundes of Tobacco & Caskes shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Inhabitant of this Province in the Provinciaall Courts Except only upon appraisals from the County Courts of this Province and Attorneys of the Provinciaall Courts & County Courts for their fees only who shall have liberty to sue for the same in the Court where they are Attorneys And that noe Attorneys of the Provinciaall Court shall be allowed any priviledge to debarre him from being sued in the County Court where he lives.

And bee itt further Enacted by & with the advice & Consent aforesaid that if any person plaintiff shall commenced or prosecute any suite or plaint in the Provinciaall Court of this Province for or under the summe of fiftene hundred poundes of Tobacco & Caskes in manner and forme as aforesaid shall suffer a nonsuite & pay such Costs to the Defend^{ts} as are usually granted by the Provinciaall Courts of this Province

And bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That an account sworn to by the p^t or a bill proved by his evidences before any one Justice of the Provinciaall Court or any two Justices of any County Court within this Province shall be sufficient evidences to prove the said debts in any County Court within this Province Provided always that the party who shall swear or give evidences

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