

**An Act** for the easment of the Inhabitants of  
this Province in suits at Law for small debts.

Whereas the Inhabitants of this Province have been much  
grieved molested and troubled by being forced by Provincially writts to appeare  
at the Provincially Courts and see Attorneys there notwithstanding they be sued  
for a very small and within the Cognizance of the County Courts of this Pro-  
vince, for prevention whereof for the future. **Be it Enacted** by the  
King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice & consent  
of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, that from &  
after the Publication hereof, no action for a Bech debt or plain bill for or under  
the sum of fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cash shall be prosecuted or  
commenced against any Inhabitants of this Province in the Provincially  
Court, except only upon Appeals from the County Courts of this Province  
and Attorneys of the Provincially and County Courts for their fees only  
where they are Attorneys, and that no Attorney of the Provincially Court  
shall be allowed any privilege to debar him from being sued in y<sup>e</sup> County  
Court where he lives. **And** be it further Enacted by and with the  
advice and consent aforesaid, that if any person Plaintiff shall com-  
mence or prosecute any suite or plaint in the Provincially Court of this  
Province for or under the sum fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cash  
in manner and forme as aforesaid, shall suffer a nonsuite and pay such  
Cost to the Debt as are usually granted by the Provincially Court of this Province.  
**And** be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that an Account  
sworn to by the Plaintiff or a Bill proved by his Evidence before any J.