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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  
then the sum of Twenty pounds of Rent Damages  
over and above the Debt sued for and received together  
with ordinary costs of suite and any <sup>or Customs</sup> charges  
to the contrary notwithstanding. And

Be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons draw  
any bills 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 payment  
or non payment of such bills shall be accounted  
a Debt of equal Nature with any specialty and in  
payment of Debts by <sup>or</sup> person or persons shall be  
preferred before any other Debt which is not  
under hand and seal such person or persons  
having timely notice of such protested bills of  
Exchange any charge or Customs to the contrary notwithstanding.