

they are hereby invested, fully and amply, with all the authority, power and jurisdiction, of any county court of this province, for the purposes aforesaid, and may adjourn the said court, and all process and proceedings therein depending, from day to day, or in such other manner as they, in their discretion, shall think convenient; and the sheriff of the said county, for the time being, his bailiffs and deputies, and all constables and other officers, and all other persons whatsoever, shall yield due obedience to all process, precepts and warrants, that shall be issued by, or returnable before, the said justices.

III. And be it enacted, That all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, relative to the trial of all felonies, and other crimes, offences and misdemeanors whatsoever, that shall be depending in the said county court, after the adjournment of the next November county court for the said county, shall be, and are, by virtue of this act, directed to be heard, tried and determined, before the justices aforesaid, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Causes, &c. depending, to be tried before said justices.

IV. And be it enacted, That the county clerk of the said county, for the time being, shall be the clerk of the said court, and shall make all entries, and transact all the other business of the said court, in the same manner as he is now by law obliged to transact the business of the county court of the said county.

County clerk to be clerk of said court.

V. And be it enacted, That the sheriff of the said county, for the time being, shall summon forty-eight good and lawful men of his bailiwick, six days before the days appointed by this act for the holding of the said court, as grand and petit jurors, and shall return a pannel of them accordingly; and if the said sheriff shall neglect to summon and return the best and most capable men in his bailiwick, for grand and petit jurymen, he shall, for every such neglect, be fined, by the said justices, a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds of tobacco, rating tobacco at ten shillings per hundred, to be applied towards defraying the charge of the said county: And every person who shall be so summoned, and shall neglect or refuse to appear at the day, but make default, shall be fined, by the said justices, five hundred pounds of tobacco, to be rated and applied as aforesaid; and every grand and petit juror shall have an allowance of twenty-four pounds of tobacco, for every day's attendance, to be assessed in the county levy; and each of the said justices shall be allowed sixty-four pounds of tobacco, for every day's attendance, to be assessed in the county levy.

Sheriff to summon jurors, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That all commitments and recognizances, for all felonies, and other crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed in the said county, and triable by law in the county court of the said county, shall be returned by the magistrate taking such recognizance, before the justices aforesaid, and shall be lodged by the said justice with the clerk of the said county, on the day before the day appointed for the holding of the said court; and the offenders and witnesses shall be obliged to appear, by virtue of such recognizances, accordingly.

Commitments, &c. when to be returned, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That every person, summoned as a witness to attend the said court, and making default, shall be fined, by the justices aforesaid, in their discretion, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds of tobacco, to be rated and applied as aforesaid; and, on default of any witness, the said justices may award process of attachment, and, by virtue thereof, the sheriff of the said county shall be obliged to have the body of such witness, and may compel his attendance before the same justices.

Penalty on witnesses making default.

VIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said justices, to allow, to every person legally summoned to give evidence before them, twenty-four pounds of tobacco for every day's attendance; and if such witness resides out of the said county, the said justices may allow him for so many days itinerant charges as they shall think reasonable, at the rate of forty pounds of tobacco per day; and the same shall be paid in the same manner as allowances to witnesses in criminal cases are by law directed to be paid.

Allowance to witnesses.