

To be observed on pain of 1000l. Tobacco in the Provincial & 500l. in the County.

Discretion, shall seem meet, and under such Fines and Forfeitures as they shall think fit, not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*, in the Provincial Court, and *Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, in the County-Court, for any one Offence, all which Fines shall be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government.

Speedy Tryals in County-Court by Declaration with Writ.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That any Debt or Debts of Money or Tobacco due to any person, being above the Sum of *Four Hundred*, and not above the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*; and being above the Sum of *Thirty three Shillings and Four Pence*, and not above the sum of *Fifty Pounds Sterling* in Money, whereof the Plaintiff is Desirous of a speedy Recovery against the Defendant, his Debtor in the County Court, he shall proceed against such Defendant in manner and Form following, That is to say,

At the same time that the Plaintiff sues out his Writ against the Defendant, he shall file with the County Clerk his Declaration thereon, and the Clerk shall make a Copy of the said Declaration, and deliver the same to the Sheriff, with the Writ, and if the Sheriff can serve the said Writ upon the Defendant, and deliver to the Defendant the Copy of the Plaintiff's Declaration, Eight Days before the return of the said Writ, then the Defendant shall be obliged, by Vertue of this Act, to go to Tryal with the Plaintiff the same Court in which the Writ is Returned, and shall not have any Empralnce; and the Justices of the several and respective County-Courts are Empowered by this Act to give Judgement against the Defendant, in Case of his Refusal to Plead or Answer, as they might do in Case of a Legal Tryal had before them, except in some very extraordinary Cases or Accidents, at the Discretion of the said Justices.

Exception

Plaintiff suing in the County-Court where the Ballance exceeds not 400l. Tobacco or 33 s. and 4 d. to be non-suited-

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That in all Actions which shall at any time after the End of this Sessions of Assembly be Sued or Prosecuted in the County Courts of this Province, wherein upon Tryal it doth appear to the Court that the just Ballance doth not exceed *Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco* or *Thirty three Shillings and Four Pence* in Money, the Plaintiff shall be non-suited.

In the Provincial Court if it exceed not 1500 l. Tob. or 6 l. 5 s.

*And be it further Enacted by Authority aforesaid*, That in all Actions which shall at any Time after the End of this pretent Sessions of Assembly, be sued or Prosecuted in the Provincial Court of this Province and upon Tryal it doth appear to the Court that the just Ballance of the Debt, or Thing in Demand, is under *Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, or *Six Pounds Five Shillings* in Money, the Plaintiff shall be non-suited.

Or be not agreeable to the Act of Aggrievances

*Provided nevertheless*, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to give the said Provincial Court any other Jurisdiction then what is agreeable to the Act of Assembly *For relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law*, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding

Chancery not to try less than 1201 l. Tob. or 4 l. 10 s. Money.

*And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within this Province, shall not Hear, Try, Determine or give Relief in any Cause, Matter or Thing, wherein the Original Debt or Damages do not amount to *Twelve Hundred and one Pounds of Tobacco*, or *Five Pounds and one Penny* in Money.

Records may be transmitted and Execution obtained thereon against persons removing,

*And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That when any Person or Persons, against whom any Judgment or non-suit shall be given in any County-Court of this Province, shall Fly, Remove or Absent him or