

the Bailors may  
be examined on  
Oath,

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent  
aforesaid, That such Justices of the Provincial or County Courts, before  
whom any Recognizance of Bail may happen to be taken, shall have, and  
power is hereby given them to Examine the Sureties upon Oath, touching  
the Value of their respective Estates, for the better Satisfaction of the  
Justice or Justices that shall take the same Bail, any Law, Usage,  
Custom or Practice to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Bail in County  
Court Actions may  
be taken.

And be it further Enacted, That any Justice or Justices of any County  
Court shall and may, on Application to them made by any person or  
persons whatsoever, on any Action brought, or hereafter to be brought  
in any County Court of this Province, take any Special Bail, accord-  
ing to the Rules before directed for taking special Bail, to any Actions  
brought in the Provincial Court; For the taking of which said Re-  
cognizance of Bail, in the County Court, the said Justice shall re-  
ceive as a Fee or Reward, the Sum of *Two Shillings and Six Pence*,  
and no more; and the said Justices of the several County Courts,  
upon receiving the Bail to be given, as aforesaid, shall act and do in  
all Things according to the Power by this Act given to the Justices of  
the Provincial Court aforesaid, and the Bail so by them taken, shall  
be as Effectual to all Intents and Purposes in the County Court, as  
the Bails before directed shall be in the Provincial Court, any Law,  
Statute, Usage, Custom or Practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for the speedy Tryal of Criminals, and ascertain-  
ing their Punishment in the County Courts, when pro-  
secuted there, and for Payment of Fees due from Cri-  
minal Persons.

WHEREAS many Acts of Assembly have been heretofore made against  
Thieving and Stealing, which at this present are not Suffici-  
ent to prevent the committing those Crimes, or to punish them when  
committed.

County-Courts  
may punish Thei-  
ving to the Value  
of 1000 l. Tob.

by what testimony  
and how.

Be it therefore Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and  
with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and  
Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That it shall  
and may be lawful to and for the several Justices of the County Courts  
of this Province to hold Plea of, adjudge, and in lawful manner de-  
termine all *Thieving and Stealing* of any Goods or Chattles whatsoever  
not being above the Value of *One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco*, (*Rob-  
bery, Burglary, and House-breaking Excepted*) and every Person or  
Persons legally Convicted of any such *Thieving and Stealings*, (except  
before excepted) by Testimony of one sufficient Evidence, not being  
the Party grieved, before any such County Court, as aforesaid, shall  
and may cause to be punished by paying *Four-fold of the Value of the  
Goods so Thieved or Stolen*, as aforesaid, and the Stolen Goods returned  
to the Party or Parties grieved thereby, and by putting in the Pillory  
and Whipping so many Stripes, as the Court before whom such Matter  
is tryed, shall adjudge (not exceeding Forty) which Court shall always  
adjudge the Value of the Goods so Thieved and Stolen as aforesaid; and  
if any such Person, so convicted, have not sufficient Goods and  
Chattles, or be a Servant, whereby he is incapable to have Goods  
and