

The Commissioners empowered to enforce obedience to their process.

Half Fees.

Persons obstructing the Commissioners.

Shall Forfeit 1000 l. Tobacco.

Officers sued may plead the General Issue. &c.

Double Costs.

When to appeal.

And how

This Act extends not to Bounds formerly settled.

Nor Actions depending.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Sheriffs, Coroners and Constables within this Province, and other the Officers aforesaid, shall pay as due obedience to any Precept whatsoever, that shall be directed to any of them from the Commissioners aforesaid, as to any other Precept whatsoever, and shall be under like Pains, or Penalties for disobeying or Contemning thereof, and shall in all things be aiding and Assisting to such Commissioners in their several Offices, as they are, or ought to be, to their several and respective County-Courts, or to any single Justice thereof, for all which Services by such Sheriffs or Coroners to be performed by Virtue of this Act, they shall be allowed half the Fees that are allowed them by Law in other Cases, for such like Services, and shall not Charge or Exact no more, on pain of Incurring the Penalties directed by the Act for Limitation of Officers Fees, against the Offenders thereof.

And to prevent the said Commissioners from being Molested and disturbed in the Execution of their Commission.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall presume to Molest, disturb or Obstruct the said Commissioners, Surveyors, or any other Officer or Assistant in performance of their Duty aforesaid, in any Case within the directions of this Act, shall Forfeit and pay to the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That if any Suit or Action be Commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for what he or they shall do in the Pursuance of the Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons, so sued, may plead the General Issue, and upon any Issue Joyned, may give the special Matter in Evidence. And if the Plaintiff shall discontinue his suit, or Judgment pass against him, the Defendant or Defendants shall Recover his or their double Costs for his or their Unjust Vexation. Provided always, That in case the pretensions of any party grieved shall be adjudged by the Major part of the Commissioners determining the Bounds, as aforesaid, to be of or to exceed the Value of three Hundred Pounds Sterling, that then in all such Cases, such party may have an Appeal from such Determination and Decree of the Commissioners aforesaid, to the King's Majesty in Council, he or they giving Security to prosecute such Appeal, with Effect, or otherwise pay and satisfy all such Costs and Damages as shall or may accrue to the other party for whom such Sentence has been given by making such his Appeal as aforesaid,

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That the Party for whom such Sentence as aforesaid, shall be given, shall not any ways be delayed by such Appeal to the King's Majesty, as aforesaid, but Immediately put in possession of the Lands within the Bounds so ascertained, as aforesaid; And also Provided, That where any Bounds of Lands have been already settled and determined by any Law-suits, Arbitration, or otherwise, such Determination appearing on Record, the same so settled and determined shall remain and continue Unalterable and no ways subject to any View or Review of the Commissioners appointed by this Law, And that it shall and may be lawful for the Provincial Court of this Province to hear and determine all Actions of Trespass and Ejectments already depending before them. Provided always