

a good, sure, and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance, to them and their Heirs, in such Lots so improved upon, notwithstanding they have not comply'd with the exact Prescriptions and Directions of the aforesaid Town Laws.

Pass'd June 3d, 1715.



32^o 79. *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in the High Court of Chancery, Provincial and County-Courts of this Province; for the more speedy Recovery of Debts; easy Obtaining of Executions against Persons absenting from the Counties where the Judgments were Recovered against them; for Preventing Commissioners, Sheriffs, Sub-Sheriffs, Clerks, and Deputy-Clerks, to Plead as Attorneys in the respective Courts to which they belong; and for Amerciaments in the Provincial and County-Courts.*

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of the Provincial and County-Courts within this Province, do, with all convenient Speed, after the Publication of this Act, at the Cost and Charges of the Publick, and their respective Counties, purchase and procure, or cause to be purchased and procured, the Statute Books of *England* to this Time, and *Dalton's Justice of the Peace*, or such other useful Book of the like Sort, as such Justices shall think proper, where they are not already procured, for the Use of their respective Courts.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of the Provincial, and of each respective County-Court, within this Province, by Force and Virtue of this Act, may make such Rules and Orders, from time to time, for the Well-governing and Regulating their said Courts and Officers, as Suitors thereof, as to them in their 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.

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 Defen-