

Justices Fee.

rant; saving to the several Officers their lawful Fees, as have been received for the taking special Bail in Court, and shall be of like Force and Effect, as if the same were taken *de bene Esse*, before the Justices of the Provincial Court, during their sitting; For taking of every such Recognizance of Bail, such Justices of the Provincial Court, or President, or any Two Justices of the County Court, that shall take such Bail, shall receive only the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more.

Provincial Justices may make Rules to justify such Bails.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of the Provincial Court shall make such Rules and Orders for the justifying of such Bails, and making the same absolute, as to them shall seem meet, so as the Cognizor or Cognizors of such Bail or Bails be not compelled to appear in Person in the Provincial Court to justify him or themselves.

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 so 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, according to the Rules before directed for taking Special Bail to any Actions brought in the Provincial Court; For the taking of which said Recognizance of Bail in the County-court, the said Justice shall receive 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 ascertaining their Punishment in the County-Courts, when prosecuted there; and for Payment of Fees due from criminal Persons.

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

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