

the said Provincial Records, shall be as good Evidence in Law, to maintain any Action of Debt to be brought for the Breach of the Condition thereof, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the original Bond were actually produced in such Case.

*Provided,* That altho' such Officers have entred into Bonds, with Sureties as aforesaid, the entring into such Bonds shall not be deemed a Compliance with the Directions of this Act, at any Time after the Sufficiency of such Sureties shall be disapproved of by the Justices of the Provincial Court, in Court sitting; but that in case of such Disapprobation, the Officer or Officers aforesaid, shall be obliged to enter into new Bond, in Form aforesaid, with such Sureties as the said Provincial Court shall approve of.

The Sureties to be subject to such Approbation of the Provincial Court.

*And be it further Enacted,* by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatsoever to put such Bond or Bonds in Suit, for any particular Breach thereof, to their respective Damage, without any formal Assignment of such Bond; and in case of Recovery, shall have the Damages to be assessed by a Jury awarded them by the Court, before whom such Recovery shall be had out of the Penalty of such Bond: But in case of a Non-suit, shall satisfy the Defendant his full Cost of Suit, to be adjudged him against such Prosecutor, whose Name shall be always Endorsed on the Back of the first Process that shall be served, and be in such Endorment termed the Prosecutor. And in case the Lower-House of Assembly, or the Justices of the Provincial-Court, shall at any Time find Cause to put in Suit the Bond or Bonds taken for Security of the Records aforesaid, the Order or Directions of the said Lower-House of Assembly, or of the Justices of the Provincial Court aforesaid, shall be sufficient to oblige the Attorney-General, for the Time being, to sue such Bond, in his Lordship's Name, for the securing the Publick from all Charges and Expences that shall be necessary for the putting or preserving the afore-mentioned Records in Repair, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

These Bonds may be Prosecuted by private Persons, and how.

How by the Publick.

*And be it further Enacted,* by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Commissioners for the Time being, of the several County-Courts within this Province, are hereby authorized and impowered to inspect their respective Record Books, and to judge what Repairs they shall think needful, which Repairs and Amendments, if any they shall adjudge necessary, they shall with all convenient Speed cause to be made; and agree with such Person or Persons as they shall think most capable to perform the same, upon the best and easiest Terms they can (on Behalf of their respective Counties,) in Tobacco, which Tobacco the Persons employed, performing and finishing the Repairs and Amendments aforesaid, shall be allowed in their several and respective County Levies. And after such Repairs made, where wanted, or after Inspection as aforesaid, where no Repairs is thought necessary, it shall not thence forward be lawful for the Clerks of the several and respective County-Courts to receive or apply to their Use any of the Fees and Profits arising from their Office, until they have entred into Bond before the County-Court, with Two sufficient Sureties, to be taken in his Lordship's Name, in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds current Money, with Condition, as above in this Law is already expressed; which Bond shall be immediately proved in such Manner as above expressed, before the said Court, or any Two Justices thereof,

County Commissioners to inspect their Records, and agree for their Repairs.

And after Repairs made, the County Clerks to give Security,

In Two Hundred Pounds, on Condition and Circumstances, as aforesaid.