

of, who shall cause the same immediately to be entered by the Clerk in the County Records for Conveyances of Land, and the original Bond shall be lodged in the Council Office as aforesaid; and that a true attested Copy of said Bond shall be good Evidence in Law, in all such Cases as in this Law is already above express'd; the same Bond to be put in Suit as aforesaid, with Damages and Costs, to be recovered on any such Breach as aforesaid, in case of Recovery; and in case of Non-suit, the Costs to be adjudged against the Prosecutor as aforesaid, and the Prosecutor's Name to be endorsed on the Back of the first Process as aforesaid. And also such Bond to be put in Suit by the Order of such County-court, as often as it shall be found necessary for the Indemnity of the County.

Publick nor
County to
pay Costs on
Non-suit.

Provided, That neither the Publick, nor any County, shall be burthened with any Costs of Non-suit, where they shall happen to be Prosecutors.

An ACT permitting the Inhabitants of this Province to sue out Writs when Plaintiffs, and appear and give Judgment when Defendants, in the several Courts thereof, in their own proper Persons.

The Aggrievance to be remedied.

FORASMUCH as it has been represented to this General Assembly, as a great Aggrievance, That the several Inhabitants of this Province are not permitted to sue out Writs when Plaintiffs, or to appear and confess Judgment, when Defendants, in the several Courts thereof; but are in some Courts obliged to employ Attornies to do it for them, which creates an unnecessary Charge,

Any Persons may sue out Process.

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, to order out Process in their own proper Names, without any Titleing from an Attorney for the same; and the several and respective Clerks of the several Offices of the Provincial and County-courts of this Province, are hereby obliged, upon Application to them made by any Person or Persons as aforesaid, to issue such Writs as shall be by them demanded, the Party or Parties suing out the same, if Non-Residents within this Province, securing to the Secretary, or the Clerks of the several County-courts, and all other Officers, their lawful Fees: And that any Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall hereafter be sued or impleaded in the Provincial Court, or any of the County-courts within this Province, shall and may in his or their own proper Persons come into Court, and after special Bail by him or them given, if adjudged so to do, to appear and imparle 'till next Court, or to confess Judgment, to any Action or Actions, in any of the Courts aforesaid, commenced against him, her or them; any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And appear and imparle in their own Name.