

Passed April }
26th, 1715. } ACT for ascertaining what Damages
shall be allowed upon protested Bills of
Exchange.

THERE shall not be allowed to any Person or Persons whatsoever, having just Cause to implead any Person, upon any Bill of Exchange, drawn for any Sum of Money payable in *England* or elsewhere; and brought in protested, more than the Sum of *Twenty per Cent* Damages, over and above the Debt sued for and recovered, together with ordinary Costs of Suit.

If any Person draws any Bill of Exchange, upon any Person, or Society, or Company in *England*, and the same be protested, and the protested Bill be returned into the Province, within Four Years after the Date of such Bill, the Debt or Damage thereby occasioned, shall be accounted a Debt of equal Nature with any Specialty, and in Payment of Debts by Executors or Administrators, be preferred to any other Debt not under Hand and Seal, such Executor or Administrator having timely Notice of such protested Bill.

If any protested Bill shall be returned within Eighteen Months of the Date of such Bill, there shall not be allowed of Damages thereon, above *Fifteen per Cent*, besides Costs as aforesaid.

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26th, 1715. } An ACT for rectifying the ill Practices of
Attorneys, and ascertaining Fees to the
Attorney General, Clerk of the Indictments, Attorneys and Practitioners of
of the Law in the Courts of the Province, and for levying the same, by
way of Execution.

NO Proceſs for any criminal Matter, shall issue out of any Court against any Person whatever, without a Presentment be first found against him by the Grand Jury, unless by a special Order from the Governor or the Provincial or County Courts; and the Attorney General or other Attorney issuing the same, before a Presentment or without an Order as above, shall forfeit *Five Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, one half towards the Support of the Government, the other half to the Party grieved or Person informing or suing for the same

No Clerk of the Indictments in any County Court, or Attorney practising there, shall issue any criminal Proceſs, before a Presentment be found by the Grand Jury, or without particular Order as above, appearing upon Record to justify the same, under the Penalty of *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, to be applied as aforesaid.