

ACT for the better supporting the Ma-
Passed May 7 }
14th, 1719. } gistrates in the Administration of Jus-
 tice within the Province.

THE several Magistrates, Judges of the several Courts within the Province, are, by this Act authorized and strictly required to observe the Demeanor of all Practitioners of the Law before them, as well as all Ministerial Officers or other Persons, who shall use any indecent Liberties, to the lessening the Grandeur and Authority of their respective Courts, and to discountenance and punish the same, according to the Nature of the Offence, either by suspending such Practitioners of the Law from their Practices perpetually, or for a Time; or to punish such Practitioners or Ministerial Officers or other Persons by Fine, at the Discretion of the Court, not exceeding *Four Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco in the Superior Courts, nor *Two Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco in the several County Courts, on each Offender for every Offence. And likewise all and every the several Magistrates in the Execution of their Office, out of Court, are hereby required in like manner to observe the Carriage and Demeanor of all Persons whatsoever, that shall come before them, and if any Person or Persons shall behave themselves indecently towards any of them, or contemn their Authority, (when lawfully required to assist them) in the Execution of their Office or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for the several Courts within the Province, upon Information to them made, by any such Magistrate or Magistrates, against any Person or Persons, who have so misbehaved themselves or contemned their Authority without any Formality in Law, to call such Offender or Offenders before them, and punish them by Fine, Imprisonment or setting in the Stocks, at their Discretion; the Fine not to exceed *One Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, the Imprisonment not to exceed Two Days, nor setting in the Stocks above Two Hours, for any one Offence; all which Fines to be levied by way of Execution, and applied towards the Maintaining of a publick School in the County.

PROVIDED always, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to lessen the Authority vested by Law in the several Courts or in any of the Magistrates, before the making of this Act.

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IN all Actions to be commenced, the Justices of the several Courts of Law within the Province, shall proceed and give Judgment according to the very Right of the Cause and Matter in Law, as the same shall appear to them, without regarding any Omission, Advantage or Pretences and Imperfections, usually taken Advantage of, by special Demurrers