

1. THE justices of the provincial court may make rules and orders for well governing and regulating the court, under fines not exceeding 1000lb. tobacco; to be applied to the support of government.—1715, c. 41, § 2.

2. In all actions hereafter to be commenced in the provincial court for any sum within the jurisdiction of that court, where the plaintiff is desirous of a speedy trial, if the plaintiff shall send a copy of the declaration with the writ, and cause the same to be served on, or delivered to the defendant, or left at his place of abode, 20 days at least before the appearance court; the justices shall oblige the defendant, by rule of court, to proceed to trial the same court. And if the defendant shall neglect or refuse to answer or plead, to render judgment for the plaintiff, with costs; unless sufficient cause be shewn for an imparlance.—1763, c. 23, § 4.

3. Every plaintiff that shall be cast, or discontinue his action; and every defendant that shall be cast (executors, administrators and minors excepted) if he imparles, shall be amerced, in the provincial court, 50lb. tobacco, to be applied as the governor and council shall think fit.—1722, c. 12, § 1.

4. If any action be brought in the provincial court, on any covenant, or any specialty for the performance of covenants, or for the performance or sufferance of any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, and the sum recovered or assessed, and to which the party recovering shall be entitled, shall not exceed 20l. sterling, or 26l. 13s. 4d. current money, or 5000lb. tobacco, in every such case no costs shall be adjudged to the party, plaintiff or plaintiffs.—1771, c. 11, § 2.

5. If any action of assault and battery, or trover and conversion, or for slanderous words, or any action upon the case, shall be brought in the provincial court, and therein damages shall not be recovered above 20l. sterling, &c. in every such case no costs shall be adjudged to the party plaintiff or plaintiffs.—*ibid* § 3.

6. If any of the actions aforesaid, shall be first brought in a county court, and be thence removed to the provincial court, at the suit of the plaintiff or plaintiffs, in order for trial; and therein the sum recovered shall not exceed 20l. &c. in every such case also, no cost shall be adjudged or awarded to the party, plaintiff or plaintiffs.—*ibid*.

7. Three persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law, shall be appointed judges of the court now called the provincial court; and the same court shall be hereafter called and known by the name of the general court; which court shall sit on the western and eastern shores for transacting and determining the business of the respective shores; at such times