

JOHN HART, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

APRIL. 1715.

C H A P.
XLI.

whom such judgment shall be rendered; by *copias ad satisfaciendum, fieri facias*, or attachment, for the debt, damages and costs in such judgment or recovery mentioned, together with such additional costs as shall be expended in such court where such execution shall be awarded, without suing out any writ of *fieri facias*.

By October, 1717, ch. 12, the clerks of the county courts where judgments are obtained, may issue executions to other counties, on the return of which the plaintiff is to produce to that court a short copy of the judgment, attested by the clerk.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That no person being in the commission of the peace, no sheriff or deputy-sheriff, clerk or deputy-clerk of those courts wherein they bear office, shall plead as attorney for or in behalf of any person or persons, on penalty of forfeiting three thousand pounds of tobacco for every such offence, whereof such offenders shall be found guilty, one half thereof to his majesty, his heirs and successors for the support of the government of this province, the other half to the informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any court of record within this province, by bill, plaint or information, wherein no esca[n]on, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

No magistrate,
&c. shall plead,
&c.

X. AND, for the discouragement of litigious suits that frequently arise in the provincial and county courts within this province, **BE IT ENACTED**, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That all persons whatsoever, except executors and administrators, that are cast in any cause, be they plaintiff or defendant, shall be amerced, besides the damages and costs, in the provincial court, fifty pounds of tobacco, to be employed as the governor and council shall think fit, and in the county court, thirty pounds of tobacco, to be employed and disposed of towards defraying the county charge of each respective county.

Person to be
amerced, &c.

XI. AND, for the due collection thereof, **BE IT ENACTED**, by the authority aforesaid, That the clerk of the provincial court, and the clerks of the several county courts, keep an exact account of the amerciaments, and deliver or send the same to the several sheriffs of the particular counties, who are hereby required to collect the same with the levy, and are accordingly empowered, for default of payment, to make distress, and commanded not to return any in arrears, except in case of the debtor's insufficiency.

Clerks to keep
accounts, &c.

XII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the clerks of the several county courts give unto the chief justice of such county court a list of the amerciaments every November court that shall have given, &c. arisen each preceding year; and that the clerk of the provincial court lay a list of the provincial amerciaments, as they shall yearly arise, before the governor and council of this province for the time being.

C. H. A. P. XLII.
An ACT directing the manner of electing and summoning delegates and representatives to serve in succeeding assemblies, and for ascertaining the expences of the counsellors, delegates of assembly, and commissioners of the provincial and county courts of this province. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 235.

Passed 3d of
June, 1715.

C. H. A. P. XLIII.
An ACT for the ordering and regulating the militia of this province, for the better defence and security thereof. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 240.

C. H. A. P. XLIV.
An ACT relating to servants and slaves. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 246.

Supplementary acts 1717, ch. 13, 1719, ch. 2, 1728, ch. 4, and 1748, ch. 19.
WHEREAS there have been several acts provided against servants, runaways, which have hereto proved ineffectual, in regard they do not sufficiently provide encouragement for such person or persons, inhabitants of this province, as should seize such runaways or servants, by this act deemed runaways; therefore, for the better discovery, seizing and apprehending such runaways;

Preamble.

No servant to
travel, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the King's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of his majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this province, and the authority of the same, That from and after the publication hereof, no servant or servants whatsoever, within this province, whether by indenture, or according to the custom of the country, or hired for wages, shall travel by land or water ten miles from the house of his, her or their master, mistress or dame, without a note under their hands, or under the hand of his or their overseer, if any be, under the penalty of being taken for a runaway, and to suffer such penalties as are hereafter provided against runaways.

III. AND