

whereby (amongst other things) it is enacted, that no arrears shall or may be laid upon any the goods or Chattels of any Inhabitants within this Province, except the true owners be not at that time resident or dwelling within this Province; By colour of the authority of which act, (there being no certain Rules prescribed for proceeding upon such attachments), the Estates of severall people of this Province have (in their absence out of this Province) been Condemned & Levied, without the parties privity, or making any defence by himself or his Attourney: and the said party or parties soe absent are by the practice of the said severall Courts excluded & debarred from making any just defence agt y^e s^d attachment, though issued out upon very slender Proofs and securities, unless he or they, by him or themselves, or his or their Attourney come within a year and a day after the said Attachments issued out and make such their defence, to the great prejudice, & (almost) utter Ruine of many of the good people of this Province & much trading in & thereunto. Wee doe humbly Pray that it may be Enacted: and Be soe enacted by the R^t honorable the Lord Prop^r of this Province, by & with the advice and Consent of the upper & lower houses of this present gen^l assembly, that from and after the publication hereof all and every person & persons whatsoever Inhabitants within this Province; and all and every merchants trading hither, and leaving effects here, that shall depart this Province shall (before their departure) make, constitute & ordain one or more Attourney or Attourneys for them, in all actions, writts or plaints whatsoever to be brought against them, by any person or persons whatsoever, in any Court or Courts