

# An Act for speedy Justice for Small Debts.

Forasmuch as the present Generall Assembly  
have taken into their serious Consideration the great  
Damage and Inconveniency accruing to the good people  
of this Province for recovery of Small Debts by due course  
of Law in the severall and respective County Courts thereof  
It often happening that such Creditors rather chuse to loose  
their Just Rights and Credit: then to be put to the trouble  
to the Sue for the Same and further it doth also appear to  
be no less Aggravance and Burthen to the Debtor of such  
Creditor (whom for the most part indigent and poor) who  
being frequently sued pay three times more Cost then their  
Principall Debt amount unto for the redress of such Grievances  
for the future and the Immediate and Speedy Recovery  
of Just rights and prevention of like Aggravances for y<sup>e</sup>  
future it is therefore humbly prayed that it may be  
Enacted AND be it Enacted by the Kings most Excell<sup>ty</sup>  
Majty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present  
Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same. That  
no County Court within this Province shall hold plea  
or have Jurisdiction for the hearing trying or deter-  
-mining of any Action or Actions before them brought  
either by Bond Bill Assumpsion Reckoning or Account  
wherein the real Debt or Damages doth not exceed y<sup>e</sup>  
Summe of Two hundred pounds of Tobacco or Sixteen  
Shillings and Eight pence in money but that in all such

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