

An Act ascertaining what Damages shall be

Allowed upon protested Bills of Exchange

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour Council and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that there shall not be allowed to any person or persons whatsoever having just cause to implead any person or persons whatsoever dwelling or residing within this Province upon any bill of Exchange drawn for any Sum or Sums of money whatsoever payable in England or Else where and brought in here protested more than the Sum of twenty pence per Cent Damages over and above the Debt sued for and recovered together with ordinary Costs of Suit any Law Statute usage or Customs to the contrary notwithstanding

And be further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any person or persons draw any bill of Exchange upon any person or persons or Society or Company in England or Else where out of this province and the same be protested and the protested bill be Returned into this province within four years after the date of such bill that then the debt or Damage Occasioned by the non acceptance or non payment of such Bills shall be accounted a Debt of equal nature with any Specialty and in payment of debts by Executors and administrators be preferred before any other Debt which is not under hand and seal such Executor or administrator having timely notice of such protested bill of Exchange any usage or Customs to the contrary Notwithstanding

Provided Nevertheless that in case any bill of Exchange to be Drawn after the End of this present Session of Assembly shall be returned into this province protested within Eighteen months from the date of such bill shall be allowed above fifteen per Cent for the Damages thereon besides the Costs as of any thing before Contained to the contrary Notwithstanding

Provided that this Clause relating to fifteen per Cent on bills of Exchange returned protested in Eighteen months shall not be in force till the End of one whole year after the End of this Session of Assembly

Read and Reported to by the House of Delegates and signed by the Hon^{ble} Mainemaria (Judge) On the behalf of his most sacred Majesty King George of Great Brittain &c

June 3^d 1715
Read and Reported to by his Majesty's Hon^{ble} Council and signed by the Hon^{ble} Mainemaria (Judge)

May the 24th 1715
Read and Reported to by his Majesty's Hon^{ble} Council and signed by the Hon^{ble} Mainemaria (Judge)

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