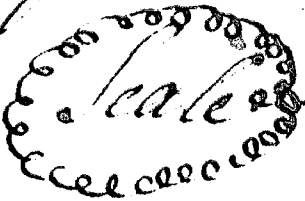


May the 28th 1715 Read and Assented May the 28th 1715 Read and Assented
 to the House of Delegates and Signed by his Majesty's Council in Virginia
 Order... The Warrantable of order. W. Bladen's Council
 June the third 1715 On the Behalf of his most Sacred Majesty King George
 of great Britain &c. I will this be a Law



J. Hart

AN ACT for the speedy recovery of small Debts out
 of Court before a single Justice of the peace
 Forasmuch as it is requisite ^{that} there be some Remedy for the
 Recovery of small Debts whereof the Courts of Judicature have no
 Jurisdiction 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 in all such Cases wherein the real Debtor doth not exceed
 four hundred pounds of tobacco or thirty three shillings and four pence
 in money it shall and may be Lawfull for any one Justice of peace of
 each respective County wherein the debtor doth reside to try hear and
 determine the matter of Controversy between the Creditor and Debtor and
 upon full hearing of the Allegations of both parties shall give Judgment
 accordingly and if need be Charge the Constable with the body of the
 debtor in Execution who is hereby Obliged and Impowered to Carry the person
 so committed to the Sheriffs of the County together with a Certificates or
 mittimus from such Justice wherein shall be Certified the debt and
 Cost whereof such person shall be Committed by him, Safely ~~and~~ kept
 untill Satisfaction or other End thereof or Otherwise that such
 Justice shall award Execution on such his Judgment Directed to the
 Sheriffs of the County by warrant or mittimus in the nature of a
 Capias ad satisfaciendum fieri facias or Otherwise and that in Case
 upon the returne of any warrant or any Complaint Issued by any
 such Justice it shall appear that the person against whom the same
 shall Issue is not found it shall and may be Lawfull for the Creditor to
 proceed in the severall and respective ^{County} Courts for Obtaining an attach-
 ment according to the direction of the Act for suing out attachments
 in this Province and Limiting the Extent of them against the goods
 Chatties and Credits of such person for any Sume Exceeding two hundred
 (pounds)