

\* This Act is of the nature of a Statute inasmuch as it is made by the Assembly of the Province and is intended to bind the People of the Province in all their Actions and Proceedings in Law and Equity and is not of the nature of a Custom which is only intended to bind the People of the Province in their Actions and Proceedings in Law and Equity inasmuch as it is made by the Assembly of the Province and is intended to bind the People of the Province in all their Actions and Proceedings in Law and Equity and is not of the nature of a Custom which is only intended to bind the People of the Province in their Actions and Proceedings in Law and Equity

Equity for Small Sums that the Chancery Court could not have been Cognizant of to the great  
 loss and Prejudice of several of the poorer sort of People and many of them for remedy where  
 Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in all Actions in the County Courts where the Matter or  
 Thing in Dispute is not of sufficient Value to remove the same into Chancery the Justices of the County  
 where such Action shall be brought may & shall at the Prayer of either Plaintiff or Defendant either  
 before or after a Judgment of Verdict of a Jury at Common Law may hear and determine the same  
 according to the Rules of Equity and good Conscience as fully and Amply as the Chancery or Keeper of  
 the great Seal might do in any Case within the Jurisdiction of the Chancery Court Any Law Usage  
 or Custom of a Jury or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding And Be it enacted that where any  
 Person shall procure Judgment against the Principal Debtor and such Judgment shall  
 be satisfied by the Surety that the Debtor shall be obliged to assign such Judgment to the Surety satisfying  
 the same and that the Assignee shall be entitled unto and have the same Execution against the Prin-  
 cipal Debtor by Virtue of such Assignment and this Act as the Debtor might or ought to have had and  
 that where Judgment shall be rendered against several Sureties and One of them satisfied the whole  
 the Claim for or Creditor shall be obliged to assign such Judgment to the Surety satisfying the same and  
 that the Assignee shall have and be entitled to the Execution against the other Sureties against whom  
 Judgment shall have been obtained by the Principal Debtor for a proportionable Part of the Debt or Damage  
 paid by such Assignee Any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding Provided always  
 that no Defendant or Defendants shall be prohibited or Debarred of his or their Bondy against the  
 Claimants by Audita Quarta or other equitable Cause or Proceedings whatsoever Any thing in this Act to the  
 contrary notwithstanding And Be it enacted that all Bonds or other Obligations under hand and Seal  
 shall be assignable from One Person to another and that the Assignee shall and may by Virtue of such  
 Assignment maintain an Action in his or her Own Name against the Obligee or Obligees Any Law Usage  
 or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid  
 that no Attorney being concerned for either Plaintiff or Defendant in any Cause of Equity  
 to be heard before the County Courts aforesaid shall have or receive more than One hundred Pounds of Tobacco  
 for his Fee in any such Cause. This Act to continue for three years and to the End of the next Session of  
 Assembly that shall happen after the End of the three years

October the 16<sup>th</sup> 1723

Read and Assented to by the lower house of Assembly signed of Order  
*Wm. Fenner Sec. Secy*

October the 16<sup>th</sup> 1723  
 Read and Assented to by the upper house of Assembly and signed of Order  
*Samuel Mifflin Sec. Secy*

October the 26<sup>th</sup> 1723

13 1/2 sds. On behalf of the most Honorable the Lords Proprietary of this Province  
 I will this be a Law  
*Chas. Calvert*

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*Wm. Fenner*  
 11/10/4

*Francis Nicholson*

This Act for the vesting and settling an Estate of Jurisdiction in fee Simple of  
 Record and in a certain Parcel or Lot of Ground in the City of Annapolis containing One hundred  
 and twenty foot in length formerly by an Act of Assembly of this Province Assigned to  
 the said Francis Nicholson of Annapolis Merchant, as also for vesting and settling an Estate of Jurisdiction in fee Simple  
 of and in a certain Land Bank that Jurisdicts a Defendant of Land proposed by the said Robert  
 Gordon and the Cook on the said Robert Gordon and his heirs and assigns for ever

Whereas Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> late Governour of this Province having given a certain Parcel  
 or Lot of Ground to the use of Ship Carpenters as w<sup>o</sup>uld inhabit thereon and follow their Trades within this Province  
 And Whereas the said Robert Johnson having formerly petitioned the Assembly of  
 this Province that a part of the said Lot of Ground might be assigned to him the said Robert Johnson