

contract and agree with some proper Person, or Persons, for the undertaking and performing the Work, and to take a Bond from such Contractor or Undertaker, with good Security, in a sufficient Penalty, at the Discretion of the said Justices, payable unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and conditioned for the well and sufficient making the said Road or Causeway, and compleating and finishing the said Work, in such Manner as herein before directed.

III. *AND be it further Enacted*, That when the said Road or Causeway, shall be so made, compleated, and finished as aforesaid, the Justices aforesaid are directed and required to appoint a proper Person Overseer of the same, with a sufficient Number of the Inhabitants next adjacent, under his Direction, to keep, take Care of, and by their own Labour maintain, support, and keep the said Road or Causeway in good Repair, in the same Manner that other Roads are or ought to be kept, without any further Tax upon the said County, under the like Pains and Penalties on such Overseer, and the People under him, for Neglect or Omission of their respective Duties, as directed and appointed by the Laws now in Force, relating to other public Roads, or Highways; any Thing in this, or any other Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Overseers to be appointed, to keep the said Road in good Repair.

An Act for quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province and the several *Indian Nations*, and for punishing Trespasses committed on their Lands.

I. **W**HEREAS the several Laws of this Province do not sufficiently provide for quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province and the several *Indians* now in Amity with them, or punishing Trespasses committed on their Lands: For Remedy whereof, Preamble.

II. *BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same*, That the Justices of the several County Courts, in this Province, be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to hear and determine, in a summary Manner, upon Petition exhibited to them, all Manner of Controversies and Differences, Claims and Demands, of what Nature or Kind so ever, which have happened, and not yet determined, or may hereafter happen or arise between the said Inhabitants and *Indians*, in private and personal Controversies, and award Judgment thereon, so always as the same exceed the Value of twenty Shillings Sterling, and the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint be made, be summoned to answer the same, or shall voluntarily appear thereto, and the said Justices shall and may issue Execution or Executions on such their Judgment, with Coats of Suit, as in other Cases.

Justices of the County Courts to hear and determine all Controversies, &c. between the Inhabitants and *Indians*.

III. *AND* whereas divers Persons, notwithstanding the Laws of this Province to the contrary, have rented of the said *Indians* divers Parcels of their said Lands, and settled thereon, and yet, notwithstanding, refuse to pay them the Rents agreed to be paid: And whereas it is highly just and reasonable that those Persons, who have held and occupied the said Lands, under Agreement to pay Rent for the same, should pay the Rents so agreed for, according to their Contracts:

Justices to hear and determine all Complaints made by the said *Indians* against Persons who have rented their Lands, and refused Payment.

IV. *BE it Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid*, That the Justices of the several County Courts aforesaid, shall and may, and are hereby authorized and empowered, to hear and determine all such Complaints, and give Judgment thereon to the said *Indians* for the Rents agreed to be paid, with Coats, in a summary Manner, as before by this Act is directed, and shall and may award Execution thereon; any Law or Custom, to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

V. *AND* whereas divers Persons have committed divers Trespasses and Wastes on such of the said *Indians* Lands, which have not been granted to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, by falling, mauling, and carrying away the Timber off from such Land, and refuse to pay and satisfy the said *Indians* for the same: For Remedy whereof,

VI. *BE it Enacted*, That the Justices of the County Courts where the said Lands do lie, are hereby empowered and directed, upon Complaint to them made by the said *Indians* of any Trespasses as aforesaid, that have been committed, or that shall or may at any Time hereafter be committed, on such of the aforesaid *Indian* Lands, and making the same appear by the Oath of one sufficient Evidence, to issue their Warrant to the Sheriff of the said County, thereby commanding him to summon a Jury of at least eighteen good and lawful Freeholders of his County, to appear on the Lands aforesaid, at a certain Day, therein to be appointed, who shall then there, upon their Oath (to be administered to them by the said Sheriff) diligently enquire into and true Presentment make of all such Wastes and Trespasses committed on the said Lands by the Person or Persons complained against, and shall assess the Damages and true Value of the same; and the said Sheriff shall then and there take an Inquisition thereof, under the Hands and Seals of the said Jurors, or any twelve of them that shall agree, and the same under his Hand and Seal shall return to the Justices of the next County Court, and the said Sheriff shall and is hereby directed to summon and swear to the same Jurors all such Witnesses as may be required: At which said next Court if the Person or Persons, so

Justices, on Complaint of Trespasses, to summon a Jury of 18, and assess Damages.