

C A P. V.

An ACT in Addition to an Act, made in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for Summary Trial of Actions.*

5 Geo. 3. cap. 1.
7 Geo. 3. cap. 2.
11 Geo. 3. cap. 12.

HEREAS the Summary Trial of certain Causes has been found of great Utility, and that the Enlarging the Sum to be tried in a Summary Way by the Courts of Justice, may greatly contribute to the Ease of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province;

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Province, be, and they are hereby impowered in all Causes of Action brought before them, the Sum Total whereof shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, to proceed in like Manner as has been accustomed in Causes not exceeding Ten Pounds, and subject to a Writ of Error to be brought from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas to the Supreme Court when the Judgment shall exceed Five Pounds.

The Supreme Court & Inferior Courts to proceed in a summary way in Causes not exceeding £10.

Subject to a writ of error.

II. Provided always, That when on the Examination of the Witnesses the Matters of Fact may appear doubtful, or that either of the Parties shall desire it, the Court shall and may order a Jury to try the same.

When the fact may be doubtful or parties desire it a jury may be sworn to try the same.

III. And be it further Enacted, That any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court or Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Province, is hereby impowered in all Causes of Action brought before him, where the Debt does not exceed Twenty Pounds, to take the voluntary Confession of the Debtor for the Sum demanded by the Creditor as agreed between the Debtor and Creditor and to proceed therein in Manner, as has been hitherto practised in Debts not exceeding Ten Pounds, and subject to the like Costs as have been heretofore paid in such Cases.

Any one justice of the Court may take the confession of the debtor and grant execution thereon.

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An ACT in Amendment of, and for continuing an Act made in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries.*

9. Geo. 3. cap. 1.

HEREAS in, and by the Second Section of an Act made in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries, It is Enacted,

Preamble.

Enacted, That when any Ferry shall be established over any River, Bay or Creek, in Manner as directed by said Act, and any Person or Persons shall be appointed and licensed to attend the same; no Person or Persons whatsoever shall carry or ferry over such River, Bay or Creek, either Man or Beast, unless by Desire or Consent of the Ferryman appointed and licensed for that Purpose, except the same be done *gratis*, and whereas no Penalty is therein inflicted on such as shall act contrary thereto;

Penalty on any person who shall ferry over either man or beast unless by desire or neglect of the ferryman.

I. **Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly,** That any Person who shall presume to carry or ferry over any River, Bay or Creek, where a Ferry shall be established in manner as directed by the said recited Act, either Man or Beast, unless by Desire or Consent of the Ferrymen, or on his Neglect or Refusal to give due Attendance, such Person shall forfeit and pay a Fine not exceeding Twenty Shillings to be recovered on Complaint before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders' Goods and Chattels.

Act 9th Geo. 3d. continued for 5 years from expiration thereof.

II. **And be it Enacted,** That an Act made in the ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, *An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries*, with the Amendments, thereto made by this Act, shall be and continue and the same is hereby continued in Force, from the expiration thereof for five Years, and until the End of the Session of the *General Assembly* then next following.

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8. Geo. 3. cap. 1.

An A C T for continuing an Act, made in the Eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, *An Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Peninsula of Halifax*.

continued to 31st Dec. 1777.

✱-✱-✱ **Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and**
 ✱ B ✱ **Assembly,** That an Act made in the Eighth Year of
 ✱-✱-✱ His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, *An Act for*
 ✱-✱-✱ *granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel-Carriages*
within the Peninsula of Halifax, shall be and continue, and the
 same is hereby continued in Force from the Expiration thereof,
 until the Thirty First Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven
 Hundred and Seventy Seven.

II. **And**