

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 £20.

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.

C A P. VI

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.