

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Wednesday the first day of July, 1761, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several prorogations until the 19th day of October, 1763, in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign.

3 George III – Chapter 15 (Session 2)

An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the Thirty third Year of His late Majesty's Reign, Intituled, an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

Be it enacted, that any one of the Justices of the Common Pleas within this Province, is hereby impowered in all causes of action brought before him, where the debt does not exceed ten pounds to take the voluntary confession of the debtor, for the sum demanded by the creditor, as agreed between the debtor and creditor, and upon such confession so made by the debtor, and the specialty, contract or account, on which the said debt arose being filed with the said Justice, and a record made of the same that then said Justice by whom such record is made, is hereby impowered to grant execution thereon according to such agreement upon the oath of the creditor, that the debt is bona fide due to him in the same manner as if the said action had been tryed in the Inferior Court; and that the whole costs on such confession and record of the same and execution shall not exceed five shillings, exclusive of the Provost Marshals fees: And the proceedings to had before the said Justice (where the debt is three pounds and upwards) shall be filed by him, with the clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, of the county, where the parties reside, that the same may be recorded therein, and the clerks fees for so doing shall not exceed one shilling: And where the debt is under three pounds, the record thereof shall remain with the Justice before whom the debt was confessed.

This Act to continue in force for the space of two years from the publication thereof, and to the end of the session of the General Assembly the next following.

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