

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Twenty Fifth Day of February, 1790, in the Thirtieth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Fourth Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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An Act in Amendment of an Act for regulating the manner of issuing Process and Execution from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas for the several Counties in this Province, and for altering the Form of the Summons heretofore used by his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, also in Amendment and declaratory of the Act for the Summary Trials of Actions.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, all summonses issued by justices of the peace, shall be directed to either of the constables of the county where the justice issuing the same shall reside, and that the party or parties against whom such summons shall issue, shall have three days notice to appear to such summons, exclusive of the day of service, and the day of appearance, and where the constable shall not be able to make a personal service, a copy of such summons shall be left by the constable, at the defendant, or defendants house, or last place of abode, with some person residing there, of which service the constable shall if thereto required make oath.

II. And be it further enacted, that for the service of such summons, the constable shall have one shilling, and three pence per mile travel, to be computed from the justices residence.

And whereas doubts have arisen respecting the power of justices in taking cognizance of certain civil actions.

III. Be it therefore enacted, that from and after the publication hereof, no justice of the peace shall entertain or have any jurisdiction of any of the following actions, (to wit) of debts for rent, trover or conversion, or actions on the case for words; or actions for trespass, assault, and battery; or false imprisonment, or where the titles of land shall in any ways come in question.