

efficient Deed of Conveyance by the Sheriff.

All reasonable means for ascertaining of such Proprietor having been made by the Court to prevent such Sale.

be made and executed by, and in the name of the Sheriff of the County where such Lands lie, reasonable Means having been previously used by the said Court, according to its Discretion for the ascertaining of such Proprietor, and for the enabling him by due Notice to prevent the Necessity of such Sale by satisfying the said Charges and Expences, with the Costs attending such Inquiry and Notice as aforesaid.

C A P. II.

AN ACT, to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor now maintained at the Province Expence.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in this present Sessions, it is Enacted, that no Persons shall in future be received into the Poor House at Halifax, to be maintained at the Expence of the Province; and Whereas it is necessary to provide for the Support of such Persons as have been heretofore provided for by the Province.

The transient Poor after the 7th July, are to be maintained at Expence of the Town of Halifax. And to enable the Town of Halifax to maintain them.

I. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the Seventh Day of the present Month of July, all the Persons who are maintained on the Account of the Province under the Denomination of Transient Poor, shall be maintained and supported by the Town of Halifax, and to enable the said Town to Support and maintain them.*

The Sum of £1500 be granted and applied to the Town for the Maintenance of all such transient Poor.

The Governor to give Warrants of £500 each, from time to time until the whole Sum of £1500 be drawn for.

The Justices not to pay any thing previous to the 7th July.

II. *Be it further Enacted, That a Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds be granted and applied to the Town of Halifax at such Times, and in such Proportions as hereinafter is expressed and directed, which Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds is, and shall be in full of all Demands, that the said Town of Halifax, shall hereafter have on Account of any transient or other Poor whatever, that now are, or shall be chargeable to the Province on the said Seventh Day of July, and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, is hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to draw Warrants on the Treasury in Favor of the Justices in their Sessions for the County of Halifax, for the said Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, the same to be paid at the Rate of three Hundred Pounds Each, and every Year, until the whole Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds shall be paid off and discharged, each yearly Payment of three Hundred Pounds to be drawn for, at such Times, and in such Sums as the said Justices in their said Sessions shall from time to time require. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to oblige the said Justices in their Sessions to pay any Expence, which has been incurred for the Maintenance of said Poor Persons, prior to said Seventh Day of July.*

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II. *And be it further Enacted*, That the Treasurer of the Province is hereby authorized to pay out of the Treasury the said Sum of Three Hundred Pounds yearly, and no more, until the whole of the said Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds shall be paid off and discharged.

The Treasurer to pay no more on that Account than £1500.

C A P. III.

AN ACT in Addition to an Act, passed in the First Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the better Observation and keeping of the Lord's Day.*

***** HEREAS doubts have arisen, whether it is lawful to serve
* W * Writs or Procefs in Civil Suits on the Lord's Day to remove the
* * * * * same.

Preamble.

I. *Be it therefore Enacted*, by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Assembly, That no Person or Persons upon the Lord's Day shall serve or execute, or cause to be served or executed any Writ, Procefs, Order, Judgement or Decree (except in Cases of Treason, Felony or Breach of the Peace) but that the Service of every such Writ, Procefs Warrant, Order, Judgement or Decree shall be void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and the Person or Persons so serving or executing the same, shall be liable to the Suit of the Party grieved, and to answer Damages to him for doing thereof, as if he, or they had done the same without any Procefs, Warrant, Order, Judgement, or Decree whatsoever.

No Writ, Procefs, Order, Judgment or Decree (except in cases of Treason, Felony or Breach of the Peace) to be served on the Lord's Day. Any Person or Persons on serving or Executing the same shall be liable to the Suit of the party grieved and answer damages also.

C A P. IV.

AN ACT to enable the Justices of the *Supreme Court* and Justices of the Courts of *Common Pleas*, to issue Commissions for the examining of Witnesses out of the Province, and for the Regulation of Prisons therein.

***** E it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,
* B * That in all civil Causes depending in the Supreme Court of
* * * * * this Province, as well, as in any of the Courts of Common Pleas of the same, in which either Party shall be desirous to take the Depositions of Witnesses residing out of this Province to be read as Evidence in such Causes; it shall and may be lawful for the Justices
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