

CAP. XIV.

Expired.

An ACT to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

CAP. XV.

An ACT to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts in this Province; and for declaring the qualification of persons hereafter to be appointed Justices of the said Court, their number, and salaries.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been found that the time limited by Law for the sitting of the Supreme Court, in the Counties of Annapolis, King's County, and Cumberland, and also in the Districts of Colchester and Pictou, is not sufficient to enable the said Court to finish the business of the said Counties and Districts, whereby great delays of justice are occasioned, to the injury of Suitors in the said Court; for remedy whereof:

Sittings.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the said Supreme Court shall be hereafter held at Pictou, in the District of Pictou, on the last Tuesday of May; and at Truro, in the District of Colchester, on the Thursday next, after the first Tuesday of June; and at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, on the third Tuesday of June; at Windsor, in the County of Hants, on the second Tuesday of September; at Horton, in King's County, on the third Tuesday of September; and at Annapolis, in the County of Annapolis, on the second Thursday after the said third Tuesday of September in each year.

Length of Sittings.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Court shall not sit at any of the said places longer than the period of eight days in any one Session.

Supreme Court —by whom held.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Supreme Court shall be held in each of the said Counties and Districts by two Assistant Justices of the said Court, in the absence of the Chief Justice, and in no other way or manner whatsoever.

Sickness of Assistant Justice.

IV. *Provided always, and be it further enacted,* That if, at any time, after the Assistant Justices of the said Court, shall have commenced any of the said circuits, it shall happen that any one of the said Justices by reason of sickness or unavoidable accident, shall be prevented from attending at any of the said Courts, on the days when the same are herein directed to be held, it shall and may be lawful for the other Justice to hold the said Court, and to proceed in hearing and determining all matters therein depending, any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Return of Writs, &c.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That all writs, process, recognizances and complaints, which are, or shall be made, returnable to the said Court at its next sittings, in the said Counties or Districts respectively, shall be returned on the days herein appointed for such respective sittings of the said Court, and all parties and persons who are bound or summoned, or who ought to appear at the said Courts, or any of them, at the next sittings thereof, in any of the said Counties or Districts, shall be held and obliged to appear at such Court, at the days and times on which such sittings respectively are hereby directed to be held.

Preamble.

And whereas the extending the terms of sittings of the said Court in several Counties and Districts will render it necessary to make provision for the appointment of one other Assistant Justice of the said Court; and, whereas, their present Salary is inadequate to their honorable Support: