

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Thirteenth day of February, 1817, in the Fifty-Seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Seventh Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the Supreme Court, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, within this Province, be, and are hereby empowered in all causes of actions brought before them, the sum total whereof shall exceed ten pounds, and shall not exceed twenty pounds, to proceed in a summary way, by the witnesses, to examine the merits of such causes, and make up judgement accordingly. Provided always, that when in the examination of the witnesses, the matter of fact shall appear doubtful, or either of the parties shall desire it, the court shall order a jury to try the same.

II. And be it further enacted, that this act shall continue, and be in force, for one year from the publication thereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.