

**CAP. XXI.**An ACT to prevent unnecessary expence  
in ACTIONS on the CASE on JUDGE-  
MENT by DEFAULT.*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,*

Where judge-  
ment is suffered  
by default, jus-  
tices may assess  
damages, unless  
defendant apply  
for a jury of  
enquiry.

**T**HAT from and after the publication of this act, in all ac-  
tions on the case wherein judgment is suffered by default,  
the justices in the court wherein such judgment is given may  
assess the damages at the next succeeding term, and give final  
judgment for the sum so assessed; unless the defendant in such  
cause should apply for a jury of enquiry, in which case the she-  
riff is to proceed to ascertain the damages as has been heretofore  
practised.

**CAP. XXII. ,**An ACT for ascertaining DAMAGES  
on protested BILLS of EXCHANGE.*I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly,*

Protested bills on  
Europe subject  
to ten per cent.  
damages, cost of  
protesting, pos-  
tage, and six  
per cent interest.

**T**HAT from and after the *first day of April, one thousand  
seven hundred and eighty six*, all bills of exchange drawn  
from and after said time by persons residing within this province  
upon persons in Europe, that may be sent back protested shall  
be subject to *ten per cent.* damages, together with the accusto-  
med charge of protesting and postage, and also *six per cent. per  
annum* interest on the amount of principal, damages and charges  
to commence from the day of the date of the protest on said bill  
for non-payment, and continue 'till the same is paid.

Protested bills on  
America and  
West-Indies  
subject to five  
per cent. dama-  
ges, &c.

**I**I. *And be it further enacted*, That all bills of exchange  
drawn by persons residing within this province after said time on  
persons in any part of America, and the West-Indies and sent back  
protested shall be subject to *five per cent.* damages, together with  
the accustomed charge of protest and postage and also *six per  
cent. per annum* interest on the amount of principal damages and  
charges to commence from the date of the protest for non-pay-  
ment, and continue till the same is paid.

Protested bills  
drawn by persons  
not residing in  
the province but  
found therein,  
subject to the  
same damages,  
&c.

**I**II. *And be it further enacted*, That all bills drawn, or en-  
dorsed by persons not residing in this province, and who at any  
time may be found therein shall be subject to the same damages,  
charges and interest as if the same had been drawn or endorsed by  
persons who actually did reside in the province.