

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.

THAT 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.

THAT 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.

II. *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.

III. *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.