

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the First Day of May in the present Year. Commencement of Act.

CAP. XXI.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for the more easy and speedy Recovery of small Debts*

Passed 9th March 1832.

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Purposes of Justice, that the Expense attending Suits at Law should bear a reasonable Proportion to the Amount of Injury sustained: And Whereas also, in order in some Measure to accomplish this Object, it is expedient in Cases involving Damages comparatively trifling to establish a summary and cheap Remedy; Preamble.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Eighteenth Section of an Act made and passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled *An Act for the more easy and speedy Recovery of small Debts*, be and the same is hereby repealed. 50 G. 3, C. 17, S. 18, repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace in the said Act mentioned shall also be held and is hereby made to extend to all Actions of Trespass, Trover, and other Wrongs, where the Amount of the Damages demanded for the Injury or Wrongs complained of shall not exceed Forty Shillings, except in Cases where the Title to Lands shall come in Question, and except also Cases for Libel and Slander; and the Judgment of any of the said Justices, or the Verdict of the Jury in favor of the said Plaintiff, for such Sum as he or they may think proper, not exceeding the said Forty Shillings, shall be a full Determination of the

Jurisdiction of Justices extended to Actions of Trespass, &c. under Forty Shillings.

[Exceptions.]

whole Matter laid before him or them, and a Bar to the Recovery of any further Damage for the same or any Part of the same Matter, Injury or Wrongs, although the Damage may be much greater than the said Sum of Forty Shillings.

Same Proceedings to be had, where applicable, as in 50 G. 3, C. 17.

III. And be it further enacted, that the same Proceedings shall be had in all Cases arising under or by virtue of this Act, where the same are applicable, as are provided in and by the said above recited Act, as fully as if this Act were incorporated with and made a Part of the said above recited Act.

50 G. 3, C. 17, S. 17, in Part repealed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That so much of the Seventeenth Section of the above in Part recited Act as relates to the Fees of Constables for serving Subpœnas be repealed, and in lieu thereof a Sum not exceeding One Shilling be allowed for serving each and every Subpœna, including Mileage and all other Fees.

Fee for serving Subpœnas.

CAP. XXII.

An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled *An Act to incorporate sundry Persons by the Name of the 'New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company.'*

Passed 9th March 1832.

I W 4, C. 20. ' I. **W**HEREAS in and by the Fifteenth Section of an Act passed in the First Year of the ' Reign of His present Majesty King William the ' Fourth, intituled *An Act to incorporate sundry ' Persons by the Name of the ' New-Brunswick ' Fire Insurance Company,*' the Directors of the ' said Corporation are required to make half ' yearly Dividends of all the Profits, Rents, Premi- ' ums and Interest of the said Corporation: And ' Whereas it is expedient that some Provision ' should be made by the Directors of the said ' Company to meet any Contingencies that may ' happen,