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2 William IV – Chapter 21 Session 1

**An Act to amend an Act passed to 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;'

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George the Third intituled *An Act for the more easy and speedy Recovery of small Debts*, be and the same is hereby repealed.

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 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.

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.

VI. 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the Seventeenth Section of the above in Part recited Act as relates to the Fees of Constables for serving Subpoenas be repealed, and in lieu thereof a Sum not exceeding One Shilling be allowed for serving each and every Subpoena, including Mileage and all other Fees.