

Lib. L. L. the said fees to the Sherriffe and other Officers as aforesaid and they the said Commissioners according to their best discretion shall Order the said Servants to make Such reasonable Satisfaction to the County as they shall think fitt and in such Mañer as they shall find Convenient and for the better Security which shall pay such fees for such Criminall Serv<sup>ts</sup> as aforesaid

Be it Enacted that the Master Mistress or Dame of all Such Servants be and are hereby Enjoyed and required att the Expiration of such Servants time of Servitude to such Master Mistress or Dame to render up and deliver to such Justice or Justices of the County for the use of the County aforesaid such Servants Criminalls as aforesaid under the Penaltys to such Masters Mistress or Dame refuseing or Neglecting to deliver up Such Servants as aforesaid of makeing Satisfaction and paying to the County all Such fees as by the County aforesaid have been Paid for such Criminalls as aforesaid and such Justice or Justices to whom such Criminall Servant shall be delivered as aforesaid are likewise required to serve such Serv<sup>ts</sup> Criminalls as aforesaid in such Maner and way as to the said Justice or Justices shall seem Meet or Convenient so that he be and Appear att the then next County Court to be held  
 p. 288 for the said County to be disposed on as the Court shall Consider.

An Act for Preventing Vexatious & Unnecessary Suites att Law and for proving of Debts and pleading discount in Barr.

Whereas Diverse and Sundry persons within this Province Contracting Debts by Accompts w<sup>th</sup> Merch<sup>ts</sup> and others for which they Stand and remain onely Debtor upon their Book of Accompt the which tho they be honest and well disposed to pay the Same upon Demand first had and required of the Said Debtor by the Creditor or other Persons Lawfully Authorised to receive the Same without which it is Impossible for the said Debtor to know where or to whom to pay the said Debt, Yet Severall of the said Creditors through Vexatious and avaritious humours do dayly Comence their Suites att Law against Such their Debtors without any Demand of such their Debts of their Said Debtors whereby the said Debt is much increased and the Said Debtor thereby greatly burthened and Impoverished by means of such their Vexatious and unjust Suits att Law Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup> by and with the Advice and Consent of this Present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same,