

Bacon personal Claim or Demand against any the Inhabitants of this Province, wherein the original Debt or Damages do not exceed the Value of Twenty Pounds Sterling, or Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, shall (by virtue of this Act) be obliged to sue and implead their several and respective Debtors in the several and respective County Courts where such their Debtors inhabit and reside, and not elsewhere; on Penalty of suffering a Non-Suit, and paying the Defendant his reasonable Charges, to be adjudged by the Justices of any other Court wherein they shall be sued and impleaded; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That where any Debt or Damages is demanded, by virtue of any Bond, or Writing Obligatory, the Penalty of such Bond shall not, although it exceed Twenty Pounds in Money, or Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, entitle any Plaintiff to bring his Action in any Court but the County Court, unless the real Sum in the Condition of such Bond amounts to Twenty Pounds, or Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; any thing in this Act, or any other Statute, Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. Provided always, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to debar or hinder any Person from bringing his Action in the Provincial or Superior Court, on any Covenant, or any Bond for the Performance of Covenants, or for the Performance or Sufferance of any Act or Acts, Thing or Things whatsoever, although the real Damages or Sum recovered be less than Twenty Pounds Sterling, or Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and so as the Penalty of such Bond for the Performance of Covenants, or Performance or Sufferance of any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, exceed Twenty Pounds in Money, or Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco. But no Bond for Payment or Performance of any Bill of Exchange, shall be prosecuted in any Court but the County Court, unless the original or principal Sum mentioned in such Bill of Exchange, and due on the same protested, shall amount to Twenty Pounds Sterling; any thing in this Act, or any other Statute, Law, Use, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

V. And whereas the Justices of the several County Courts of this Province, by their Commission, cannot hold Plea or Cognizance of any Sum above One Hundred Pounds Sterling, or Thirty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and that it often happens that several Persons, Inhabitants of this Province have Occasion to sue their several Debtors, likewise Inhabi-