

any Bond for performance of any Coven<sup>t</sup> or for the Performance or Sufferance of any Act or Acts Thing or Things whatsoever, Although the reall damages or Sume recovered by such Accōn of Coven<sup>t</sup> be lesse then Twenty pounds Sterl or Five Thousand pounds of Tobacco, And soe As the penalty of such Bond for the performance of Coven<sup>ts</sup> or performance or Sufferance of any other Matter or Thing whatsoever Exceed Twenty pounds in Money or Five Thousand pounds of Tobacco, But noe Bond for payment or performance of any Bill of Exchange shall be prosecuted in any Court but the County Court unlesse the Originall or principall mencōned in such Bill of Exchange and due on the same protested shall amount to Twenty pounds Sterl Any thing in this Act or any other Statute Law use or Custome to the Contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid That from and after the End of this p<sup>r</sup>sent Session of Assembly if the drawer or Endorser of any Bill of Exchange shall be sued or prosecuted in any Court of this Province for any sume of Money due upon any protested Bill of Exchange, the Attorneys prosecuting or defending any Accōn thereupon shall not Exact demand Receive or take any more then One lawfull Fee according to the direccōns of this Act for prosecuting or defending any Accōn upon any One protested Bill notwithstanding there be Two or more Endorsers and the drawer sued and prosecuted, And that it shall and may be lawfull To and for the Plaintiffs in any Accōn to be brought on any protested Bill to put into any One Writt Two or more def<sup>ts</sup> resideing in One County if Occasion shall require And shall not pay for the same any other Fee or Reward than for One Writt And Shall and may At his Eleccōn declare against such def<sup>ts</sup> in One or more declaracōns As he shall think fitt Any Law Statute Usage or Custome to the Contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid That it shall and may be lawfull To and for the def<sup>t</sup> in any Writt Issued or to be Issued out of the Provinciall Court after Arrest and Bayle given To the sherriffe for his Appearance and before the Returne of such Writts to goe before the President or any Two Justices of the County Court where such defend<sup>t</sup> shall be Arrested with Two Sufficient Freeholders of this Province such As the Justice or Justices before whom such defend<sup>t</sup> shall goe shall approve of And then and there give speciall Bayle to any Accōn by Vertue of such Writt. which Bayle soe taken shall be delivered to the Sherriffe of such County where the same is taken to be by him returned with such Writt to the Provinciall Court, And the s<sup>d</sup> Bayle soe Taken and returned to the Provinciall Court with such Writt shall be As sufficient As if taken before the Presid<sup>t</sup> of the County Court after the Returne of the Writt and Appearance Entered according to the direccōns of the Act of Assembly for Takeing special Baile in the County, nor shall such defend<sup>t</sup> be Obliged to