

wages, which ought to be paid before all other debts.

§ 7, The courts of justice established in Newfoundland, are (1.) The supreme court, having criminal and civil jurisdictions, of all crimes and complaints arising in Newfoundland, and on the islands and seas to which vessels repair from that island, for carrying on the fishery, and on the banks. (2.) The surrogate courts, which have a civil jurisdiction only, to the same extent as the supreme court.

In any cause exceeding 40s, if the defendant requires it, a jury may be summoned in either court; and for want of a sufficient number of jurors, the governor may appoint two accessors to the chief justice, and each surrogate may likewise appoint two persons to be his accessors. Upon any judgment given in a surrogate court for any sum exceeding £40, an appeal lies to the supreme court; and upon any judgment in the supreme court, for any sum exceeding £100, the party cast may appeal to his Majesty in council, notice and security being given in both cases, to the respective judges, within two days after such judgment has been given.