

*Small Debts.*

**XV.** In any Cause brought in the Supreme Court which might have been brought in the Summary Court it shall be lawful for the Chief Justice if he shall think fit to certify by Order or Otherwise to deprive the Plaintiff of Costs, or in Case of the Plaintiff being successful to order the Payment by him of the Extra Costs incurred by the Defendant by the said Cause being brought in the Supreme Court and not in the Inferior Court.

**XVI.** It shall not be necessary for the Plaintiff or the Defendant in any Suit to be brought or pending in any District Court, to employ a Barrister or Attorney to appear and conduct any such Suit; but any such Plaintiff or Defendant either Personally or through his Clerk Agent or Attorney in fact may with Permission of the Judge conduct and manage any such Suit: Provided always that all such Services shall be performed without any charge for or in lieu of Legal Fees in any such Suit to which any such Plaintiff or Defendant may be a Party.

**XVII.** Neither the Plaintiff nor the Defendant in any Suit in any District Court shall be liable to pay Costs for the Services of any Barrister or Attorney employed in any Suit in any such District Court if the Judge shall certify to deprive the Party of such Costs.

**XVIII.** And for the Interpretation of this Act the word "Governor" shall be held to mean the Governor or other the Officer Administering the Government of this Colony for the Time being, and whenever in this Act in describing or referring to any Person or Party, Matter or Thing, any word importing the Masculine Gender or Singular Number is used the Same shall be understood to include and shall be applicable to several Persons and Parties as well as one Person or Party, and Females as well as Males, and Bodies Corporate as well as Individuals, and Several Matters and Things as well as one Matter or Thing, unless it otherwise be provided or there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

**XIX.** This Act may be cited as "The District Court Act, 1866."

Passed the Legislative Assembly this 19th day of May, 1866.

R. W. TORRENS,  
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Passed the Legislative Council this 22d day of May, 1866.

E. J. NESBITT,  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

I assent to this Act in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, this 8th day of June, 1866

A. E. KENNEDY,  
GOVERNOR.

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