

regulations and limitations as His Majesty by such charter or letters patent respectively shall appoint and direct.

- 20 And be it further Enacted, That the Governor or acting governor of *Newfoundland*, upon the arrival in the said colony of His Majesty's charter or letters patent for the establishment of the said courts by virtue of this Act, shall by proclamation notify to the inhabitants of the said colony, the time when the said courts respectively shall be intended to be opened; and as soon as the judges of the said Supreme Court shall have assumed and entered upon the exercise of their jurisdiction therein, then and from thenceforth so much of the Act passed in the forty-ninth year of the reign of his late Majesty *George* the Third, intituled, "An Act for establishing of Courts of Judicature in the Island of *Newfoundland*, and in the Islands adjacent; and for re-annexing part of the Coast of *Labrador*, and the Islands lying on the said Coast, to the Government of *Newfoundland*," as relates to the courts thereby instituted, and respectively called The Supreme Court of Judicature of the Island of *Newfoundland*, and Surrogate Courts, shall cease to be in force and determine; and every suit, action, complaint, matter or thing, which shall be depending in such last-mentioned courts respectively, shall and may be proceeded upon in the Supreme Court instituted under and by
- 21 virtue of this Act, or either of the said Circuit Courts which shall have jurisdiction within the district or place in *Newfoundland* where such action or suit respectively was depending; and all proceedings which shall thereafter be had in such action or suit respectively, shall be conducted in like manner as if such action or suit had been originally commenced in one or other of the said courts instituted under this Act; and all the records, muniments and proceedings whatsoever, of and belonging to the said courts instituted under the said recited Act respectively, shall from and immediately after the opening of the said courts respectively instituted under this Act, be delivered over and deposited for safe custody in such of the said courts respectively instituted under this Act as shall be found most convenient, and all parties concerned shall and may have recourse to the said records and proceedings, as to any other records or proceedings of the said courts respectively.

Governor, on arrival of His Majesty's charter, to notify by proclamation when the courts shall be opened, and thereupon so much of 49 G. 3. c. 27. as relates to the courts thereby instituted, shall be repealed, and proceedings and records of those courts delivered over to the courts instituted under this Act.

- And be it further Enacted, That Courts of General and Quarter sessions shall be holden at *Newfoundland* and its dependencies at such times and places as the Governor or acting governor of *Newfoundland* shall by his proclamation appoint; and the said courts of sessions respectively shall have power and authority, in a summary way, to take cognizance of all suits for the payment of debts not exceeding forty shillings, except the matter in dispute shall relate to the title to any lands or tenements, or to the taking or demanding of any fee of office or annual rent, and to award costs therein; and also to hear and determine all disputes, to any amount, which may arise in *Newfoundland* concerning the wages of seamen or fishermen, the supply of bait, the hiring of boats for the fishery, and all disputes arising in *Newfoundland* aforesaid concerning the curing or drying of fish, where the sum or
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Their powers.