

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to enable Commissioners under the Small Debt Act, and Justices of the Peace throughout this Island, to appoint Clerks.

[Passed April 29th, 1840.]

WHEREAS it may be expedient, in the different Districts of this Island, to empower Commissioners under the Small Debt Act (so called,) and Justices of the Peace forming Courts for the Trial of certain causes and offences, under the different Statutes of this Island, to appoint a Clerk to assist them in the management of the business of their respective Courts: Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful, in the different Districts of this Island, to or for any Commissioner or Commissioners appointed by virtue of the said Small Debt Act, or Justices of the Peace holding Courts for the Trial of certain causes and offences, under and by virtue of various Statutes of this Island, if he or they shall deem it necessary, to appoint a Clerk—and for whose act or acts in the discharge of his duty, such Commissioner or Commissioners, or Justices of the Peace, making such an appointment, shall be at all times responsible, to assist him or them in the discharge of the duties of his or their respective Courts; which Clerk, when duly appointed and sworn into office, shall have full power and authority, under the directions of the said Commissioner or Commissioners, or Justices of the Peace, to administer an Oath, execute papers of Appeal, Recognizance and Conviction, and issue Processes in all matters appertaining to the Court, to which the said Clerk may have been appointed; and for his services the said Clerk shall be remu-

Authorises Commissioners of Small Debts and Justices of the Peace in certain cases to appoint Clerks.

Commissioners and Justices to be responsible for Clerks appointed by them.

Duty of Clerks so appointed.