

Agreement in Writing, the Defendant may, in like Manner file his Receipts or Discharge for Part or the Whole, according as he hath made Payment: *Provided* such Receipt or Discharge be in Writing, signed by the Plaintiff or his Attorney lawfully impowered to receive the same, and the Court is hereby impowered to proceed to examine into the Merits of the same, in the same Manner as in Book Accounts, between the Plaintiffs and Defendants, and equitably to reduce all such Bonds, Notes, Bills, and Writings Obligatory, to the just Debt, with Interest, Damages and Cost, according to the nature of such Writing, Deed, or Instrument, and the Jury are hereby impowered to give their Verdict accordingly.

*And be it further enacted*, That all Causes where the Sum shall not exceed *Twenty Shillings*, shall be sued for and recovered before *One Justice* of the Peace; and that all Causes where the Sum shall not exceed *Three Pounds*, shall be sued for and recovered before *Two Justices*; subject to an Appeal as heretofore hath been practised; and they are hereby impowered to award Execution returnable to him or them within *Ten Days* after the Date thereof; and if not satisfied he or they may issue out an *Alias* or *Pluries*, returnable respectively within the Term of *Ten Days* each; and all Writs issuing from such Justice or Justices, shall be made returnable at least *Seven Days* after their Dates respectively.

