

thority to hear and determine, in a summary way, all pleas of debt, account, contracts respecting personal property, and all trespasses committed against the person or goods and chattels in the island of *Newfoundland*, and islands and parts adjacent, or on the banks of the said island of *Newfoundland*; which court shall consist of a chief judge, to be appointed by his Majesty, and two assessors, to be appointed by the governor of the said island, from time to time; which chief judge, together with any one of such assessors, shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all pleas by this act cognizable by the said court of civil jurisdiction; and shall have such clerks, and other ministerial officers, as the chief judge shall think proper to appoint; and that such salaries shall be paid to the chief judge aforesaid, as his Majesty, his heirs and successors, shall approve and direct; and such salaries be paid to the assessors, and to the clerks, and ministerial officers aforesaid, as shall be approved by the said chief judge, with the consent of the governor of the island of *Newfoundland*; which several salaries shall respectively be in lieu of all other profits and emoluments whatever; and such court shall be a court of record, and shall have all such powers as by the law of *England* are incident and belonging to a court of record; any thing in the said first-men-