

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, begun and holden at *Halifax*, on the Twenty Eighth Day of *May*, Anno Domini 1765, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Eighteenth Day of *June*, 1768, in the Eighth Year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Sixth Session of the Fourth GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened in the said Province.

C A P. I.

An ACT for determining Differences by Arbitration.

HEREAS References made by Rule of Court may contribute much to the Ease of the Subject, in the determining of Controversies, because the Parties become thereby obliged to submit to the Award of the Arbitrators, under the Penalty of Imprisonment for their Contempt in Case they refuse Submission; Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for all Merchants and Traders, and others desiring to end any Controversy, Suit, or Quarrel, Controversies, Suits, or Quarrels, for which there is no other Remedy but by Personal Action, or Suit in Equity, by Arbitration, to agree that their Submission of their Suit to the Award or Umpirage of any Persons, should be made a Rule of His Majesty's Supream Court, or of any of His Majesty's Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Province, which the Parties shall choose, and to insert such their Agreement in their Submission, or the Condition of the Bond or Promise, whereby they oblige themselves respectively to submit to the Award or Umpirage of any Person or Persons; which Agreement being so made and inserted in their Submission or Promise, or Condition of their respective Bonds, shall or may, upon producing an Affidavit thereof made by the Witnesses thereunto, or any one of them, in the Court of which the same is agreed to be made a Rule, and reading and filing the said Affidavit in Court, be entered of Record

Preamble.

Eng. Stat. 9. & 10.
Will. 3. c. 15.

Merchants &c. desiring to end Controversies by Arbitration, may agree their Submission to be made a Rule of Court.

Agreement so made to be inserted in their Submission &c.