

divisions, to be
ascertained in
Quarter Sessi-
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And give judg-
ment and award
execution there
upon as shall
seem just.

In matters not
exceeding 40s.

Summons.

Service.

Judgment.

Record.

May administer
an oath to either
party & to their
witnesses.

Perjury punish-
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Commissioners
shall be sworn.

sions, which division shall be ascertained and limited by the Justices assembled in their general Quarter Sessions, or the greater part of them, and the place for holding the said Court shall be fixed by the Justices acting in and for the said division, or the greater part of them: And the said Justices are hereby declared, constituted and appointed to be Commissioners to hear and determine all such matters of Debt as are herein after mentioned; and shall have power and authority, by virtue of this Act, to give judgment and decree, and award execution thereupon, with such costs as shall be herein after specified, against the goods and chattels of all and every the person and persons against whom they shall give any judgment or decree, as to them shall seem just in Law and Equity.

II. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of February next, it shall and may be lawful to and for every Inhabitant within the limits of this Province, who then or thereafter shall have any Debt or Debts owing to him, her or them, not exceeding the sum of Forty Shillings, *Quebec* currency, by any person or persons whatsoever inhabiting the said Province, to cause such Debtor or Debtors to be warned or summoned by a writing under the hand of a Justice of the Peace, acting under and by virtue of His Majesty's commission, to be left with some grown person at the dwelling-house or place of abode of such Debtor or Debtors, or by service of the same on the person of such Debtor, to appear before the Justices of the said Court; and that the said Justices shall, after such summons as aforesaid, have full power and authority, by virtue of this Act, to make, or cause to be made, such Acts, Orders, Decrees, Judgments and Proceedings between such Plaintiff, and his, her or their Debtor's Defendants, touching such Debts not exceeding the sum of Forty Shillings, *Quebec* currency, in question before them, as they shall find consistent with equity and good conscience, and all such Acts, Orders, Decrees, Judgments and Proceedings, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose.

III. And, for the more due and regular proceeding in the said Court, it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices to administer an Oath to the Plaintiff or Defendant, as well as to such Witness or Witnesses as shall be produced by each party, and also to all the Officers of the said Court, when the said Justices shall think it meet.

IV. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any person or persons shall make Oath or give Evidence, in any cause depending before the said Justices in the said Court, whereby he or they shall commit wilful or corrupt perjury, and thereof be duly convicted according to Law, that such person or persons shall suffer the pains and penalties inflicted on wilful and corrupt perjury, by the Statute passed in the fifth year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth.

V. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner or Commissioners in the execution