

of Newfoundland, or on the Islands and Seas aforesaid; or on the Banks of Newfoundland, unless Administration thereof, or Probate of Wills respecting the same, shall have been duly granted by such Authority as aforesaid.

XI. And be it further enacted, That an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for establishing a Court of Civil Jurisdiction in the Island of Newfoundland, for a limited Time, which Act was to have continued in Force from the Tenth Day of June One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, for One Year, and unto the End of the then next Session of Parliament, shall be and continue in Force until the Opening of the Supreme Court instituted by virtue of this Act, and no longer; and every Suit or Complaint which shall at that Time be depending in the said Court of Civil Jurisdiction, shall and may be proceeded upon in the said Supreme Court, in the same Manner as any Suit or Complaint originally commenced in the said Supreme Court.

31 Geo. III, Cap. 29, continued till the Opening of the Supreme Court.

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XII. And be it farther enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Court in the Island of Newfoundland, or Islands aforesaid (except the Supreme Court, and the Surrogate Courts appointed by virtue of this Act) to hold Plea of any Suit or Complaint of a Civil Nature, any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that the Court of Vice Admiralty having Jurisdiction in the said Island, shall and may hold Plea of Maritime Causes (except only the Wages of Seamen and Fishermen, which are to be heard and determined in Manner herein-after directed) and Causes of the Revenue, as heretofore practised and used: Provided also, that all Disputes which shall arise concerning the Wages of any Seaman or Fisherman, and all Offences which shall be committed by any Hired or Employer of such Seaman or Fisherman, against this or any other Act, relating to the Island of Newfoundland, or the Islands and Seas aforesaid, or the Fishery thereof, shall and may be heard and determined, and the Penalties and Forfeitures thereby incurred shall and may be recovered in the Court of Sessions, or before any Two Justices of the Peace.

No Court, except the Supreme and Surrogate Courts, to hold Pleas of a Civil Nature.

Vice Admiralty Court may hold Plea of Maritime Causes (except for Wages), and Causes of Revenue.

Disputes respecting Wages of Seamen, &c. may be heard in the Court of Sessions, or before Two Justices.