

Suspending Clause until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known.

IX. *Provided also*, That nothing in this Act contained shall have any Force or Effect until His Majesty's Pleasure therein shall be known.

☞ This Act has been allowed by His Majesty, Dated 18th August, 1790.

C A P. X.

Amended by 30th Geo. 3d, c. 4.

An Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act, all the Acts made by the General Assembly of this Island concerning Bail, and to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arrests.

**B**E it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Person shall be held to Special Bail upon any Process issuing out of the Supreme Court of Judicature, where the Cause of Action shall not amount to the Sum of *Five Pounds*, or upwards; and in all Causes where the Sum in demand shall exceed *Five Pounds*, the Sheriff, Coroner, or their Deputies, may arrest, imprison, or hold to Bail, any Debtor or Debtors, or attach the Goods, Chattels or Estate of such Debtor or Debtors, upon the Plaintiff in such Actions, his Attorney, Agent, Clerk, Factor, or Servant, making and subscribing an Affidavit in Writing, before any one Justice of the Court, from whence such Writ shall issue, or, in the absence of such Justice, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that the Defendant is justly indebted to the Plaintiff in any Sum exceeding *Five Pounds*; (which Affidavit shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court from whence the Writ shall issue.) Whereupon the Sum specified in such Affidavit shall, by the Clerk of the said Court, be indorsed on the Back of the said Writ, in the Form following, "*by Oath for*" (in words at full length) for which Sum, so indorsed, the Sheriff, Coroner or their Deputies,

In all Cases where Demand shall exceed 5*l.*, Attachment may be made on Goods, &c. or the Debtor arrested, imprisoned, or held to Bail.

Upon the Plaintiff or his Attorney making affidavit before a Justice, or in absence of Justice, before a Justice of Peace.

Affidavit to be filed with the Clerk of the Court. Sum sworn to be indorsed on the Writ.