

VI. *Be it therefore enacted*, That in case any person may hereafter be imprisoned for debt, at the suit of the Crown, it shall be lawful for any two of the Judges of his Majesty's Supreme Court, to examine any such person or persons on oath, and by all lawful ways and means to ascertain whether such person or persons be Insolvent or not, and if it shall appear to said Judges that the person or persons so imprisoned at the suit of the Crown, be unable to pay the debt or debts so due, it shall be lawful for such Judges to certify the same, together with an inventory of such property as it may appear that such insolvent Debtor or Debtors may be possessed of, to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being; and it shall be lawful for such Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, if he shall think proper, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, by warrant under his hand and seal, to order His Majesty's Attorney General to assent, on behalf of the King, to the discharge of such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, any thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debtors of the Crown, how relieved.

## CAP. II.

An ACT in amendment of an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province.

**W**HEREAS, notwithstanding the provisions contained in said recited Act, many ignorant and evil disposed persons still continue to import and circulate as Half-pence, large quantities of base Copper Coin; and whereas, experience has proved that a sufficient quantity of Copper Coin, or Half-pence, such as do legally pass current in Great-Britain and Ireland, cannot be obtained in this Province, whereby the trade of the same suffers great injury and inconvenience: for remedy whereof:

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That immediate measures shall be taken to obtain a quantity of good and proper Copper Half-pence, sufficient for the trade and circulation of this Province, and calculated not to be under the weight of five penny weight and twelve grains for each Half-penny; for which purpose one or more fit and proper persons, not exceeding three, shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council for the time being, to act as Commissioner or Commissioners in this behalf; and it shall be lawful for such Commissioner or Commissioners, when so appointed, to cause a quantity of Copper, such as is generally used for the Copper Coin issued from the Mint, to be coined and stamped in England; each piece of copper, when so coined and stamped off, to be of the weight of five penny weight twelve grains, at least; and the device of the die to be used, in stamping and coining such copper, shall be taken from the Great Seal appointed by His Majesty for the use of this Province—the Arms of the United Kingdom to be on the one side, and the Provincial Badge of Distinction, by Royal Authority appointed, for the reverse of said Great Seal, to be on the other side of such Copper Coin.

Copper Half-pence to be procured.

Weight of each Copper.]

Commissioners to be appointed to procure them.

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