1854.]   **BILL**   [No. 143.

An Act to increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

BE it enacted, &c., as follows:

I. From and after the 1st day of January 1855, the County Courts of Upper Canada respectively, shall hold plea of all causes or suits relating to debt, covenant or contract, to the amount of one hundred and fifty pounds; and 5 in cases of contract or debt, on the Common Counts when the amount is ascertainable by the signature of the defendant to two hundred and fifty pounds; and in all matters of tort relating to personal chattels when the damages shall not exceed seventy-five pounds; and in every other description of personal action when the damages shall not exceed fifty pounds; 10 Provided always, that the said Courts shall not have power to try causes or suits of any kind wherein titles to land shall be *bonâ fide* brought in question. *Jurisdiction of County Courts extended and defined.*

Proviso.

II. And whereas by the present practice in the Superior Courts of Common Law much inconvenience delay and expense are occasioned by 15 parties to suits in the outer Counties being compelled to apply to the Judges at Toronto for rules and orders for the allowance of recognizances of Bail: Be it enacted, that from and after the passing of this Act, all rules and orders for the allowance of the recognizance of Bail required to be entered into under and by virtue of the laws now in force in Upper Canada, may 20 be made by the Judges of the County Courts in Upper Canada within their respective Counties and Unions of Counties, and such rules and orders shall in all cases have the same force and effect when made by a Judge of the County Court within his jurisdiction, as if made by a Judge of either of the Superior Courts under the now existing law. *County Judges may make orders for the allowance of recognizances.*

25 III. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act shall be and they are hereby repealed from and after the times respectively fixed by this Act for its going into operation. *Inconsistent provisions repealed.*

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