



ANNO TRICESIMO QUINTO.

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. I.

An ACT for the more EASY and SPEEDY RECOVERY of SMALL DEBTS.



BE IT ENACTED, *by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That from and after the passing of this act, all actions of debt, detinue, account, covenant, trespass, and trespass on the case, wherein the sum due, or thing demanded shall not exceed the value of *three pounds*, shall be and hereby are made cognizable before any Justice of the Peace of any county in this province; and every such Justice shall be and hereby is respectively authorized and empowered to hear, try and determine all such causes and actions according to law and equity; and shall and may hold a Court for the tryal thereof, and is hereby vested with all such power and authority for the purpose aforesaid as is usual in Courts of Record in this province, and shall sign all processses to be issued out of such Court; and further that

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Actions of debt, detinue, account, covenant, trespass, and trespass on the case, to the value of three pounds, shall be made cognizable before a Justice of the Peace—

who is empowered to determine the same according to law and equity—and to hold a Court with the same power as Courts of Record.

The Justice, to issue a Sum-