

mon Pleas, shall be holden on the SECOND Tuesdays in *March* and *September*, in each year, any Law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That no Procefs shall abate or be discontinued by reason of the alteration of the said Terms, but shall and may be proceeded upon, heard and determined at the times herein appointed, in the same manner as they might have been proceeded upon had no alteration been made. No Procefs to abate or be discontinued by reason of the alteration.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the several and respective Town and Parish officers, shall annually be appointed on the SECOND Tuesday in *December*, any Law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. Parish officers to be appointed in December.

C A P. IV.

An ACT to render Persons convicted of PETTY LARCENY, competent Witnesses. Passed the 5th of March, 1802.

WHEREAS Persons convicted of Grand Larceny are by their Punishment restored to their Credit as Witnesses, but Persons convicted of Petty Larceny, are rendered and remain wholly incompetent to be examined as Witnesses—

Be it therefore enacted, by the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, no person shall be an incompetent Witness by reason of a conviction for Petty Larceny.

C A P. V.

An ACT for the easy and speedy Recovery of Small Debts, and for regulating the proceedings thereon. Passed the 5th of March, 1802.

BE it enacted, by the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, Council and Assembly, That all actions wherein the Sum or matter in demand shall not exceed *Five pounds*, shall be heard and determined before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties of this Province, and no other Court shall hold Plea or Jurisdiction of the same, and that the ordinary Procefs shall be by Summons under the hand and seal of such Justice directed to the Constable of the Town or Parish where the Defendant shall reside, which Procefs shall express the time and place of appearance and cause of action, and shall be served at least Six days before the time of Trial, and such service shall be by reading the same in the Defendant's hearing, or by leaving a true and attested Copy thereof at the Defendant's usual place of abode. Actions for sums not exceeding 5^l. to be heard and determined before one Justice of the Peace Ordinary Procefs to be by Summons directed to the Constable of the Parish where Defendant resides. Shall be served six days before trial.