

X. And be it further enacted, That an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in the Island of Newfoundland, and the Islands adjacent*, which has by several subsequent Acts been continued to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and nine, shall be and continue in Force until the opening of the Supreme Court instituted by virtue of this Act, and no longer; and every Suit or Complaint which shall at that Time be depending in the said Court of Civil Jurisdiction shall and may be proceeded upon in the said Supreme Court, in the same Manner as any Suit or Complaint originally commenced in the said Supreme Court.

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the Supreme
Court.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Court in the Island of *Newfoundland*, or Islands aforesaid (except the Supreme Court and the Surrogate Courts appointed by virtue of this Act) to hold Plea of any Suit or Complaint of a Civil Nature, any Law Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that the Court of Vice Admiralty having Jurisdiction in the said Island, shall and may hold Plea of Maritime Causes (except only the Wages of Seamen and Fishermen, which are to be heard and determined in Manner herein-after directed,) and Causes of the Revenue, as heretofore practised and used: Provided also, that all Disputes which shall arise concerning the Wages of any Seaman or Fisherman, and all Offences which shall be committed by any Hirer or Employer of such Seaman or Fisherman, against this or any other Act relating to the Island of *Newfoundland* or the Islands and Seas aforesaid, or the Fishery thereof, and all Disputes concerning Seamen or Fishermen wilfully absenting themselves from their Duty or Employ, without the Leave or Consent of their Hirer or Employer, or wilfully neglecting or refusing to work, shall and may be heard and determined; and the Penalties and Forfeitures thereby incurred shall and may be recovered in the Court of Session, or before any Two Justices of the Peace.

For holding
Pleas.

XII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Court of Session in a summary Way to hear and determine all Suits for the Payment of Debts not exceeding Forty Shillings, and not contracted more than One Year before the Commencement of such Suits respectively; and it shall be lawful for the Court of Session, or such Two Justices respectively, to award Costs therein; and such Determination and Award shall be final, and shall be carried into Execution by Attachment and Sale of the Goods and Effects of the Party against whom the Determination was made.

Determining
Suits for
Debts under
40s.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Chief Justice to settle such Forms of Process, and such Rules of Practice and Proceeding, for the Conduct of all Pleas, Suits, and Complaints, and for the Dispatch of the Business of the said Supreme Court and Surrogate Courts, and of the Business in the Courts of Session, or before any One or more Justices of the Peace respectively, and to appoint such reasonable Fees to be taken for the Conduct and Dispatch of Pleas, Suits, Complaints and other Business as aforesaid, and for the granting Administration of the Effects of Intestates, and for the Probate of Wills, as shall seem necessary and proper for expediting Matters with the most Convenience and least Expence to the Parties concerned therein, and such Process and Rules

Chief Justice
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