

court shall determine such suits and complaints of a civil nature, according to the law of *England*, as far as the same can be applied to suits and complaints arising in the islands and places aforesaid; and the said court shall be a court of record, and shall be holden by a chief justice to be appointed by his Majesty, who shall have full power and authority to enquire of, hear, and determine all crimes and misdemeanours, suits, and complaints, cognizable in the said court; and such court shall have such clerks and ministerial officers as the chief justice shall think proper to appoint; and such salary shall be paid to the said chief justice, as his Majesty, his heirs and successors, shall approve and direct, and such salaries be paid to the clerks and ministerial officers aforesaid, as shall be approved by the chief justice, with the consent of the governor of the island of *Newfoundland*; which several salaries shall respectively be in lieu of all other profits and emoluments whatsoever.

2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the governor of the island of *Newfoundland*, with the advice of such chief justice, from time to time, to institute courts of civil jurisdiction, to be called *surrogate courts*, in different parts of the island of *Newfoundland*, and the islands aforesaid, as occasion shall require, with full power and authority to hear and determine, in the like summary way, all suits and

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