

tendent of the said river, brook or water course, or by the Municipality of the Parish or County, before any Justice of the Peace or the Commissioner's Court for the summary decision of small causes, to any amount not exceeding the sum of £6 5s., and in case the damages should exceed the said
 5 sum, before any Civil Court having competent jurisdiction.

XIV. In the case of any appeal with reference to the said Syndics, Overseers or Superintendents, or the inspectors or overseers of fences and drains for the revision or annulling of any judgment brought in any Court of Appeals, by Writ of *Certiorari* or otherwise, it shall not be lawful in
 10 any such action in appeal to plead the exception *à la forme* The action in appeal shall be decided on the merits. ^{In case of appeal from judgments.}