

suant to this Act, and who shall or may commit wilful and corrupt Perjury in giving their Evidence, shall, having been first duly convicted thereof, according to Law, incur and suffer such Penalties and Pains as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury is or are liable to by the Laws of *England*, or of this Island, not being repugnant thereto.

XXI. *And be it further enacted*, That the affirmation or affirmations of the People called *Quakers*, shall be allowed of and taken in all Cases where any Oath or Oaths is or are directed to be taken by this Act, instead of such Oath or Oaths, and shall be administered by the same Persons as are hereby authorised to administer such Oath or Oaths; and every Person making such affirmation, who shall be convicted according to Law of wilful and false affirming, shall incur and suffer the same Penalties and Forfeitures as are inflicted and imposed by any of the Laws of *England*, or of this Island, not repugnant thereto, upon Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Quakers' Affirmation to be taken.

False Affirming to be punished.

XXII. *And be it further enacted*, That no action or suit for any Debt, not amounting to the value of *Forty Shillings*, and being recoverable by Virtue of this Act before a Justice of the Peace, as aforesaid, shall be commenced in any Court of Record whatsoever within this Government; and if any Suit or Action shall have been brought there, and concerning which any Orders or Judgment shall have been made, or given therein by such Justice; then such Order or Judgment, on being pleaded to such Suit or Action, or given in Evidence on the General Issue therein, shall as to the Matter contained therein, be an effectual and perpetual Bar to the said Suit or Action, so erroneously brought; and the Books of Entry and Registry of the Justice of the Peace, (or if, there has been an Appeal) then the Book of Entry of the Clerk of his *Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature*, or true Copies thereof attested, under the hand of such Justice, or Clerk of the said Supreme Court for the Time being, and proved by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall be deemed legal Evidence of the proceedings such Justice, and of the said Supreme Court respectively.

Debts recoverable before a Justice not to be brought in any Court of Record.

XXIII. *Provided always and be it enacted*, That where the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's shall, upon any Action or Suit brought in any Court of Record within this Island, obtain a Verdict there for less than *Forty Shillings*; then, if the Chief Justice, or other Justice before whom the said Cause may have been tried, shall certify a probable or reasonable Cause of Action for *Forty-one Shillings*, or more, in every such Case the Plaintiff shall not, in any such Cause be liable to pay Costs, but may recover his Costs of Suit in such manner as if this Act had not been made.

Though Verdict doth not exceed 40s. an Judges certificate of a probable cause for Action, Plaintiff to have his Costs.

XXIV. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend to Actions brought for the recovery

Specification of Debts not suable before a Justice.