

hour of Forenoon, of the same day to answer the Plaintiff in an action for the sum of £. [mention on what account due] or in Default of your appearance, you will be proceeded against as to Justice shall appertain.

Given under my Hand and Seal, the day of 17 A. B.
To the Defendant E. F.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the appearance of the said Debtor or Debtors, in compliance with such Summons, before the Justice who shall have granted the same; or in default of appearance, upon proof made that the same hath been duly served in manner as herein before directed, by the Oath of the Complainant, or any other person; that then the Justice so issuing such Summons is hereby authorised and required to make due enquiry concerning such demands, and to make such order and give such Judgment touching such Debts, not exceeding the sum of *Forty Shillings*, (exclusive of costs) as to him shall seem most agreeable to Law, Equity and good Conscience.

Power and Business
of a Justice

on proof of serving
the Summons.

Justice to enquire
into demand and pass
judgment thereupon.

And if such Debtor or Debtors, against whom any order or Judgment may be made or given as aforesaid, shall appear to the Justice who shall have made or given the same, to be deserving of indulgence, that then and in every such case, the said Justice is hereby empowered to grant such time to the Debtor or Debtors, for the payment of the sum or sums which shall or may be so ordered, or adjudged against him, or them respectively, as shall seem reasonable: *Provided* the time so granted shall not exceed one month, to be computed from the day of hearing and determining such plaint or or plaints; as also, that such Debtor or Debtors, so indulged as aforesaid, shall immediately thereupon give sufficient security to pay such adjudged sums or sums at, or within the time limited therefor.

Power to Justice to
grant to Debtor any
time, not exceeding
one month, for the
payment of what shall
be decreed against
Debtor.

Debtor to give secu-
rity to pay within the
time granted.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That for the better discovery of the truth, and for the more solemn determination of all matters and causes which shall or may be depending before such Justice, it shall and may be lawful for him, and he is hereby empowered to administer, or cause to be administered, an Oath to either of the said Parties touching the matters then in question, as also to such Witness or Witnesses as shall or may be produced by either party; and also to any other person or persons whose evidence shall seem necessary on the hearing, to the just determination of such cause or causes, or to the making any order or Judgment therein, or for any other purpose requisite to the Execution of this Act.

Justice to adminis-
ter an oath to the
parties and their Wit-
nesses, &c.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That if such Debtor or Debtors, who shall have been duly summoned as aforesaid, do not appear before such Justice, at the time and place required in and by the said Summons, without some just cause, to be allowed by such Justice: then
it

Debtor not appear-
ing, Justice (after
Proof of service of
summons) may hear
the cause on the part
of the Plaintiff, and
pass judgment thereon