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5. In Council the First of December, 1752. RESOLVED, That all Bills of Exchange drawn before this Day, by Persons resident within this Province, upon Persons in Europe, that are already, or may be hereafter sent back protested, be subject to Ten per Cent. Damages, and Five per Cent. per Annum Interest, from the Day of the Date of the Protest to the Time of Payment.

And all Bills drawn as above, on or after this Day, and sent back protested, be subject to Fifteen per Cent. Damages only,

And all Bills of Exchange drawn by Persons residing within this Province, on Persons in the Colonies, and sent back Protested, be subject to Damages, at the rate of Ten per Cent. per Annum; from the Day of the Date of the Protest, to the Time of payment.

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King's pleasure*  
6. In Council the Sixth of December, 1752. RESOLVED, That if any Person or Persons now charged, or who shall or may hereafter be charged in Execution, for any Sum or Sums of Money, that from and after the Publication hereof, shall be minded to deliver up to his, her, or their Creditors, all his, her, or their Effects, towards the Satisfaction of the Debts wherewith he, she, or they stand charged; It shall and may be lawful to and for such Prisoner to exhibit a Petition to any of the Courts of Law within the said Province, or during the Intervals of the Sitting of such Courts, to any Two of the Justices of any such Courts from whence the Process issued, upon which he, she, or they was or were taken or charged in Execution, certifying the Cause or Causes of his, her, or their Imprisonment, and an Account of his, her, or their whole real or personal Estate, with the Dates of the Securities wherein any Part of it consists, and the Deeds or Notes relating thereto, and the Names of the Witnesses thereto, as far as his, her, or their Knowledge extends therein: And upon such Petition the said Court, or the said two Justices, may and are hereby required, by Order or Rule of the said Court, or by Order under the Hands and Seals of the said two Justices, to cause the said Prisoner to be brought up to the said Court, or before them the said two Justices, and the several Creditors at whose Suit he, she, or they stand charged as aforesaid, to be summoned to appear personally, or by their Attorney, in the said Court, or before them the said two Justices, at a Day to be appointed for that Purpose, and upon the Day of such Appearance, if any of the Creditors summoned, refuse or neglect to appear, upon Affidavit of the due Service of such Rule or Order of the said Court, or Order of the said two Justices, the said Court, or the said two Justices, shall and may, in a summary Way, examine into the Matter of such Petition, and hear what can or shall be alledged on either Side, for or against the Discharge of such Prisoner; and upon such Examination, the said Court, or the said two Justices, may and are hereby required to administer or tender to the Prisoner an Oath, to the Effect following; which Oath the said Court, or the said two Justices, are hereby empowered to administer.