

CAP. II.

An ACT to provide for the Summary Trial of
Common Assaults and Batteries.

[Passed April 17th, 1847.]

WHEREAS the Laws now in force for the punishment of Assaults and Batteries committed on the person, are about to expire, and the same not having been found sufficiently effective in their operation, it is expedient to make further, and in some respects other provisions, in lieu thereof: Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That all persons charged with the commission of an Assault or Battery, apprehended by any Peace Officer, or Constable, or under the authority of any Warrant issued by any Justice or Justices of the Peace within this Island, shall be taken before two or more Justices of the County wherein such offence is alleged to have been committed; who shall, if they see fit, proceed to adjudicate thereon forthwith.

Two or more
Justices of the
Peace to adjudicate in cases of
Assault and Battery.

Duty and power
of Justices in
such cases.

Amount in which
Justices may fine
parties convicted.

Appropriation of
fine.

Duty and power
of Justices when
fine is not paid.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Justices, on proof being made before them by the complainant, or one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, of such alleged Assault, to sentence the person or persons so convicted each and severally to pay such Fine as shall appear to them meet, not exceeding the sum of Five Pounds, together with costs, which Fine shall be paid into Her Majesty's Treasury to and for the use of Her Majesty's Government; and if such Fine as shall be awarded by the said Justices, together with the costs, if ordered, shall not be paid either at the time of conviction, or within such period as the said Justices, shall at the time of conviction appoint, it shall be lawful for them to commit the offender or offenders to the Jail of the County where such offence has been com-