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11 Court of Vice Admiralty having Jurisdiction in the said Island, shall and may hold Plea of Maritime Causes (except only the Wages of Seamen and Fishermen, which are to be heard and determined in manner hereinafter directed, and causes of the Revenue, as heretofore practised and used: Provided also, that all disputes which shall arise concerning the Wages of any Seaman or Fisherman, and all Offences which shall be committed by any Hirer or Employer of such Seaman or Fisherman, against this or any other Act relating to the Island of *Newfoundland* or the Islands and Seas aforesaid, or the Fishery thereof, and all disputes concerning Seamen or Fishermen wilfully absenting themselves from their duty or employ, without the leave or consent of their Hirer or Employer, or wilfully neglecting or refusing to work, shall and may be heard and determined; and the Penalties and Forfeitures thereby incurred, shall and may be recovered in the Court of Session, or before any two Justices of the Peace.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Court of Session in a summary way to hear and determine all Suits for the Payment of Debts not exceeding forty Shillings, and not contracted more than one year before the commencement of such Suits respectively; and it shall be lawful for the Court of Session, or such two Justices respectively, to award Costs therein; and such Determination and Award shall be final, and shall be carried into execution by Attachment and Sale of the Goods and Effects of the Party against whom the Determination was made.

Determining Suits for Debts under 40s.

12 And be it further Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Chief Justice to settle such forms of Process, and such Rules of Practice and Proceeding, for the conduct of all Pleas, Suits and Complaints, and for the dispatch of the business of the said Supreme Court and Surrogate Courts, and of the business in the Courts of Session, or before any one or more Justices of the Peace respectively, and to appoint such reasonable Fees to be taken for the conduct and dispatch of Pleas, Suits, Complaints and other business as aforesaid, and for the granting Administration of the Effects of Intestates, and for the Probate of Wills, as shall seem necessary and proper for expediting matters with the most convenience and least expence to the Parties concerned therein, and such Process and Rules of Practice and Proceeding shall be followed and obeyed, and such Fees shall be paid accordingly, and no other; and that all such Fees received in any Surrogate Court shall be paid and accounted for by the Surrogate in the said Supreme Court; and that it shall be lawful for the said Chief Justice, and he is hereby required to settle and limit what Fees and Poundage shall be taken by the Sheriff of *Newfoundland*, and the same shall be taken, and none other; provided, that no such Fees for the dispatch of Pleas, Suits and Complaints, or other Suits as aforesaid, or for granting Administration or Probate of Wills, and no Fees or Poundage to be taken by the Sheriff, shall be taken until the Rate and Table of every Fee or Poundage so to be taken shall have been approved by the Governor of the said Island of *Newfoundland*, and such approbation signified under his hand and seal.

Chief Justice to settle Forms of Process, and appoint Fees.

13 AND whereas His Majesty by His Proclamation of the seventh day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, was pleased to declare that He had put the Coast of *Labrador* from the River *Saint John* to *Hudson's Straights*, with the Islands of *Anticosti* and *Madelaine*, and all other smaller Islands lying on the said Coast, under the care and inspection of the Governor of *Newfoundland*; And whereas by an Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled, " An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Pro-

Re-annexing part of the Coast of Labrador and the Islands lying on the said Coast to the Government of *Newfoundland*.