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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, begun and holden at HALIFAX, on the fifth Day of *December* 1785, and in the Twenty Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Being the first Session of the Sixth *General Assembly* convened in the said Province.

C A P. I.

An ACT for establishing the Times and place of holding the several Courts of Justice therein mentioned in the County of *Cumberland*.

B E it Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Supreme Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, shall be held at *Amberst* in the County of *Cumberland*, on the second Tuesday of *August* annually.

Supreme Court at
Amberst 2d Tuesday
of August.

I. And be it also Enacted, That the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace*, shall be also held at *Amberst* aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of *April* and last Tuesday of *October* annually.

Court of Common
Pleas there, first
Tuesday of April
and last Tuesday
October.

II. And be it further Enacted, That all Executions upon Judgments, which shall be given at the said *Supreme Court* shall be returnable in Sixty Days from the Day of issuing such Execution.

Executions return-
able in sixty Days.

III. And be it also further Enacted, That all Writs and other Procefs already issued returnable to said Courts for their Sittings at *Cumberland*, shall be returned, and all Matters depending therein shall be proceeded on, at the Days respectively appointed by this Act for holding the same, and all Officers and other Persons concerned, are required to conform themselves accordingly; any thing in any former Law or Laws of this Province to the contrary Notwithstanding.

All Writs &c. re-
turnable at the days
appointed by this
Act.

C A P. II.

An ACT to empower the Justices of the Peace to hold Special Courts of Sessions for the Purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Maintenance of Persons committed to Goals on criminal Actions in the different Parts of this Province, has generally been attended with Expence, from the Length of Time intervening between the Courts, and whereas the Persons so committed, frequently suffer from the Severity of the Weather and Length of Confinement for Remedy whertof.

Justices of the respective Towns and Counties, Or any three of them, one to be of the Quorum, Empowered to hold Special Sessions,

For the trying of simple Larcenies.

No Offende to be punished unless convicted by the verdict of a Jury.

I. *Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the first Day of January next, which will be in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty six ; it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in their respective Towns and Counties within this Province, or any three of them, one whereof shall be of the quorum, to call a Special Court or Courts of Sessions between the stated Times limited by Law for holding the said Courts, and proceed either by Indictment or in a Summary Way by Motion and Order, to the trying and determining of all criminal Offences which come under the Denomination of simple Larceny, or do not extend to Life or Limb.*

Provided always, That it shall not may be lawful for said Justices to pass Sentence or inflict Punishment on such Offenders unless they shall be first convicted at such Court by the Verdict of a Jury duely impannelled and sworn for that Purpose.