

L. H. J. missioners as (in Defect or Vacancy of an Admirall) the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> of this province shall Authorise under the great Seall to hear and Determine the same which said Admirall or Chief Commissioner shall or may Appoint A Register for recording of all matters belonging to that Office and the said Admirall Chief Judge or Chief Commissioner for the time Exerciseing that office and the said Register shall be a Court of Record and shall be Called the Court of Admiralty and the said Court shall or may Enjoy use and Exercise all or any the Same or the Like powers priviledges authorities and Jurisdictions within this province as the High Court of Admiralty in England enjoy or may enjoy, use and Exercise within the Realm of England, Except where it is Otherwise provided by any Law of this province.

And such Judgement shall be given in all Matters and Causes whatsoever as is most Agreeable to the Laws of this province or (in default thereof) to the Judgements which usually are or Ought to be given in the Same or in the Like Causes by the Custom or Law Merchant of England, as near as the said Admirall, Judge or Judges, Comm<sup>r</sup> or Comm<sup>rs</sup> shall be able to Determine.

And all fines forteitures of Bonds or Recognizances [to] the Use of the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup>, Confiscations derelicts pirates or Enemies goods, goods found in or Upon the Sea or within High water mark (not haveing any owner Challenging the same) and all other profits and perquisites due or belonging in England, to the High Admirall of England shall be to the Use and profit of the the said Admirall (or in Vacancy of an Admirall to the use of the Lord proprietary, Except where the said profits or perquisites or any of them are Otherwise granted [in] the patent.

The same Sessions in An Act Entituled An Act for the Erecting of a County Court is thus Contained

Which said Chief Justice shall or May Appoint a Register for the recording all matters pertaining to that Office, and the said Chief Justice Comm<sup>r</sup> or Comm<sup>rs</sup> for the time being and the said Register shall be a Court of Record and shall be p. 65 Called the County Court and the said Court shall or may have use, Exercise, and Enjoy all or any the same, or the like powers proviledges Authorities and Jurisdictions within this province (in the Causes aforesaid) as any of the Kings Courts of Common Law in England useth or may use and Exercise within the Realm of England (Except where it is otherwise provided by any Law of this Province)

And such forms of process and proceedings upon Bill plaint or Information presentment or Indictment shall be