

determining of any action or Actions before them brought Either by bond bill or Assumption reckoning or account, wherein the demand made doth not exceed the Sum of 200^{lbs} of Tobacco And that whereas the Provinciaall Court of this Province by another Act of Assembly is limited not to hold plea in any action under 1500^{lbs} of Tobacco but boath these good Lawes are Evaded by such who many times prosecute Suits of Contention rather than necessity when though the demand be more than either 200^{lbs} Tobacco in the County Courts & 1500^{lbs} of Tobacco in the Provinciaall yet upon tryall it many times appears that the just Ballance is under, for prevention of which Bee it Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Maj^{ty} etc. that in all Actions that shall be commenced & brought by any Person or Persons in any of the County Courts of this Province, after the publication of this Law wherein upon Tryall it doth appear to the Court that the Just Ballance is under 200^{lbs} Tobacco or Sixteen shillings & Eightpence sterling in mony the party shall be non suited & that Judgment shall not be given in any County Court of this Province to any Person or Persons that sue in the same for a less Sum then 200^{lbs} of Tobacco, or sixteen shillings & 8^d in mony but that the plaintiff shall be non suited as aforesaid And in any action or actions after the end of this Sessions of Assembly that shall be brought in the Provinciaall Court of this Province and upon Tryall if the Debt or damage sued for appears to the said Court to be under 1500^{lbs} Tobacco or £6:5^s:0^d shillings [sic] in mony the plaintiff shall not recover any cost of Suite in the same, And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that his Maj^{ty}s high Court of Chancery within this Province shall not hear try or determine or give relief in any cause or causes wherein the originall debt or damage doth not amount to the sum of 1201^{lbs} of Tobacco but that the Judgment of the County Courts of this Province for 1200^{lbs} of Tobacco or five pounds in mony according to an Act of Assembly of this Province shall be finall this Act to Endure for Three years or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen.

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Because it hath been represented to this present Generall Assembly that the good people of this Province have been heretofore much grieved in having Execution Issue out against there bodys or goods for divers publick Officers Fees before the servis [sic] of which such Fees became due was finished or the record thereof perfectly made up for prevention whereof for the future Bee it Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Maj^{ty} by & with the advice of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same, that for the future no Court