

piece, which shall be as effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if the said Bail had then actually rendred the Person of the said Defendant to such Court, or before any Judge or Judges of the same.

V. And for the prevention of Disputes touching this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the same, and every Clause and Thing therein contained, shall be adjudged and taken to be a General Law, and that it shall not be needful to set forth the same in Pleading, or any Part thereof; and that the same, and every Clause therein, shall be construed most beneficially for the preventing of all the Mischiefs, Abuses, Escapes, and other Inconveniences herein provided against; And further, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time be sued for putting in Execution any Power or Authority given by this Act, such Person or Persons shall and may plead the General Issue, and give in Evidence the special Matter, and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions shall be nonsuit, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or a Verdict shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, or that Judgment upon Demurrer shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, every such Defendant or Defendants shall have his or their treble Costs of Suit.

STATUTES

Made at WESTMINSTER. Anno Regni ANNÆ Reginae *tertio & quarto* and A. D. 1703.

CAP. IX.

An Act for giving like Remedy upon Promissory Notes, as is now used upon Bills of Exchange, and for the better Payment of Inland Bills of Exchange.

Whereas it hath been held, That Notes in Writing, Signed by the Party who makes the same, whereby such Party promises to pay unto any other Person, or his Order, any Sum of Money therein mentioned, are not assignable or indorsible over, within
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