

Province of the June 11 – 17. 1695 255<sup>th</sup>  
[M]assachusetts Bay

An Act for Discontinuing the Superiour Courts of Judicature to be holden in the Several Counties of Hampshire & Yorke during the present War.

Forasmuch as it is hazardous for the Justices of of the Superiour Court of Judicature to ride the Eastern & Western Circuit, by Reason of the Indians lying Sculking about in the Woods; and draws a great Charge to the publick for a Guard to attend them for their Safe Passing.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governour, Council & Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the Same; That during the present War, the Superiour Courts of Judicature appointed by Law to be holden at Springfield in the County of Hampshire, and at Kittery within the County of York, be & hereby are discontinued.

Provided Nevertheless, that for & during the Time of the Said Discontinuance, it Shall & may be lawfull to & for any Person agrieved at any Judgment that Shall be given in the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas — within either of the Said Countys of Hampshire or York to make his Appeal from Such Judgment, unto the Superiour Court of Judicature to be held at Boston; & Such appeal to be there heard & tryed as has been formerly accustomed. And all Appeals from either of the Said Courts not yet heard & determined Shall & may be tried at the Superiour Court of Judicature to be held at Boston; The Appellant giving the Adverse Party fourteen Days Notice by Summons out of the Clerks Office of the Court appealed from, of his Intentions to prosecute the Same, & filing the Reasons of his Appeal before the granting of Such Summons.

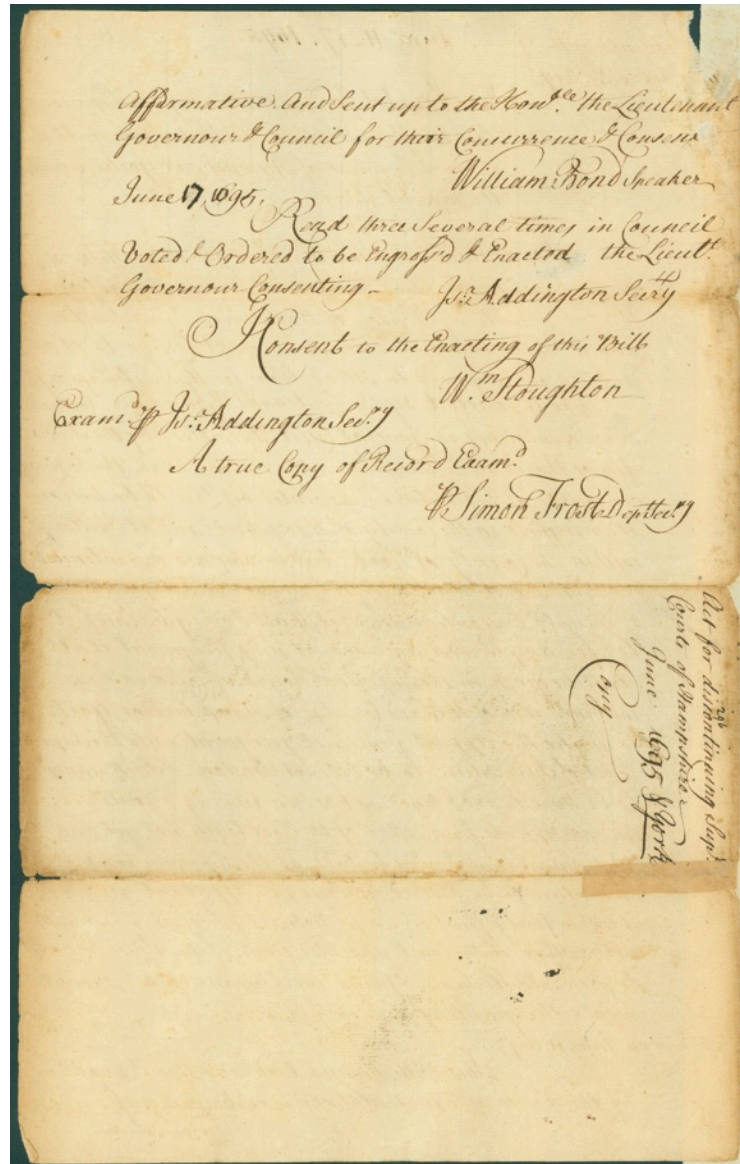
Boston June 11, 1695

This Bill having been read three Several times in the House of Representatives was voted & pass'd in the Affirmative

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Affirmative. And Sent up to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lieutenant  
Governour & Council for their Concurrence & Consent  
William Bond Speaker

June 17, 1695.

Read three Several times in Council  
Voted & Ordered to be Engross'd & Enacted the Lieut<sup>t</sup>  
Governour Consenting –

Js<sup>a</sup> Addington Sec<sup>ry</sup>  
I Consent to the Enacting of this Bill  
W<sup>m</sup> Stoughton

Exam<sup>d</sup> p Js<sup>a</sup> Addington Sec<sup>ry</sup>

A true copy of Record Exam<sup>d</sup>  
P. Simon Frost Dept Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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Act for discontinuing Sup<sup>r</sup>  
Courts of Hampshire  
June 1695 & York  
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