

Criminall shall justly deserve and the Law will allow of this Act to endure for three years or to the End of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

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No. 1.

June 4 th 1692	June 2 ^d 1692.
Assented to by the Councill Board.	} The house of Assembly } have Assented.
Signed p Order	
John Llewelin Clk.	
	Signed p Ord ^r
	Hen: Denton Clk.

An Act for limitation of certain
Actions for avoiding suits at Law.

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Forasmuch as nothing can be more Essentiall to the Peace and Tranquility of this Province then the quieting the Estates of the Inhabitants thereof and for the Effecting of w^{ch} no better measures can be taken then a limitation of time for the commencing such Actions as in the severall and respective Courts within this Province are brought from the time of the cause of such Actions ariseing. Be it therefore Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the Advice and consent of this Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same, that all Actions of Trespass quare clausum fregit, all Actions of Trespass detinue sur Trover or Replevin for taking away goods and chattles, all actions of Account, contract debt Book and upon the case other then such Accounts as concerne the Trade of Merchandize between Merchant and Merchant their factors & Servants which are not Resident within this Province, all Actions of debt for tending or contract without specialty all Actions of debt for arrearages of Rent, all Actions of Assault, menace, battery wounding and Imprisonment or any of them w^{ch} shall be sued or brought by any person or persons within this Province at any time after the end of this present Gen^l Assembly shall be commenced and sued within the time and limitation hereafter expressed and not after (that is to say) and the said Actions for account and the said Actions for debt detinue & replevⁿ for goods and Chattles, and the said actions for Trespass quare clausum fregit within two years ensuing the Cause of such action and not after And the said Actions of the Case for words and Actions of Trespass, of assault, Battery, wounding and Imprisonment or any of them within one year from the time of the cause of such Action ariseing and not after And be it further Enacted by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That in all Actions of the Case for Slanderous words to be sued or prosecuted by any person or persons in any Courts of Record of this Province that hath pow^r to hold Plea of the same after the end

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