

it shall be lawful for the sheriff to take such person in execution for the money so due as aforesaid; and the sheriff shall, on or before the twentieth day of October yearly, pay to each creditor all the money he shall or might have received in satisfaction of their several and respective debts, and if any sheriff shall not make payment according to the directions of this act, such sheriff shall forfeit and pay to the party grieved, if he shall sue the sheriff only, double the money, to be recovered with costs, by action of debt or action on the case, founded on this act, in which it shall be sufficient for the plaintiff to allege, that the defendant is indebted to him or received to his use the sum of money claimed by him, whereby action accrued to him according to the form of this act, without setting forth the special matter, but if the party shall sue on the sheriff's bond, he shall recover only his debt, interest and cost.

Suits when  
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menced.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That no prosecution or suit shall be commenced for any penalty or forfeiture imposed by this act, unless within one year from the time of the offence committed.

SEC. 20, 21. Excepted October, 1780, ch. 23, out of the continuance act.

SEC. 22. Supplanted by 1806, ch. 41; 1820, ch. 204.

SEC. 23. Supplanted by 1820, ch. 204; continued by 1798, ch. 71, to 1805, and continued by 1805, ch. 109, and continued thereafter in the annual continuing act.

#### MARCH, 1780.—CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT to declare and ascertain the privileges of the subjects of France residing within this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in and by the thirteenth article of the treaty of amity and commerce between his most christian majesty and the United States of America, it is provided, that the subjects and inhabitants of the said United States, or any of them, shall not be reputed *aubains* in France, and consequently shall be exempted from the *droit d'aubain* or other similar duty, under what name soever they may by testament, donation, or otherwise, dispose of their goods, moveable and immoveable; and their heirs, subjects of the said United States, residing whether in France or elsewhere, may succeed them *ab intestat* without being obliged to obtain letters of naturalization, and without having the effect of this concession contested or impeded, under pretext of any rights or prerogatives of provinces, cities, or private persons, and the said heirs, whether such by particular title, or *ab intestat*, should be exempt from the *droit d' deduction* or other duty of the same kind, saving nevertheless, the local rights or duties as much and as long as similar ones are not established by the United States or any of them: And whereas