

all and every such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Informer or Informers, shall in every such Suit and Prosecution have and recover his *and their treble Costs against the Person offending **477** and forfeiting, as aforesaid; any Law, Statute, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

III. And for the better Avoiding and Preventing of all excessive and immoderate Playing and Gaming for the Time to come; (2) Be it further ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times after the nine and twentieth Day of *September* aforesaid, play at any of the said Games, or any other Pastime, Game or Games whatsoever (other than with and for ready Money) or shall bett on the Sides or Hands of such as do, or shall play thereat, and shall lose any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Thing or Things so played for, exceeding the Sum of one hundred Pounds at any one Time or Meeting, upon Ticket or Credit, or otherwise, and shall not pay down the same at the Time when he or they shall so lose the same, the Party and Parties who loseth or shall lose the said Monies, or other Thing or Things so played or to be played for, above the said Sum of one hundred Pounds, shall not in that Case be bound or compelled, or compellable to pay or make good the same; (3) but the Contract and Contracts for the same, and for every Part thereof, and all and singular Judgments, Statutes, Recognizances, Mortgages, Conveyances, Assurances, Bonds, Bills, Specialties, Promises, Covenants, Agreements and other Acts, Deeds and Securities whatsoever, which shall be obtained, made, given, acknowledged or entred into for Security or Satisfaction, of, or for the same, or any Part thereof, shall be utterly void and of none Effect: (4) And that the Person or Persons so winning the said Monies, or other Things shall forfeit, and lose treble the Value of all such Sum and Sums of Money, or other Thing or Things, which he shall so win, gain, obtain or acquire, above the said Sum of one hundred Pounds; (5) the one Moiety thereof to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors; and the other Moiety thereof to such Person or Persons as shall prosecute or sue for the same within one Year next after the Time of such Offence committed; (6) and to be sued for by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law