

48 shall be bound with two sufficient sureties in sume
pounds payable at the least or be committed to prison
thereof And where any Assault or Battery shall be
made by such Offender against such Officer as aforesaid upon
the putting this Act in execution as aforesaid then such
Offender shall be indicted for the same and in case the
party aggrieved shall sue such Offender for such Assault
and Battery he shall recover double Damages and such
Offender shall be bound over as aforesaid And where any
suit or action shall be commenced or brought against
any the persons who also were for doing or causing to be
done anything in pursuance of this Act concerning
the said Officer as the defendant in such cause may
plead the general Issue and give the special matter
in Evidence and if upon Summons Verdict be given
for the Defendant or the plaintiff become nonsuit
or discontinue his action then the Defendant shall
have his costs. Provided always and it is here
by enacted that no person shall be prosecuted or
troubled for any the Offences of cursing or swearing
as aforesaid unless the same be proved or prosecuted within
xxii days next after such Offence committed;

And whereas the Scandalous and odious sin of
Drunkenness is too common within this province
being the root and foundation of many other
Evil humours unto the great Distression of the