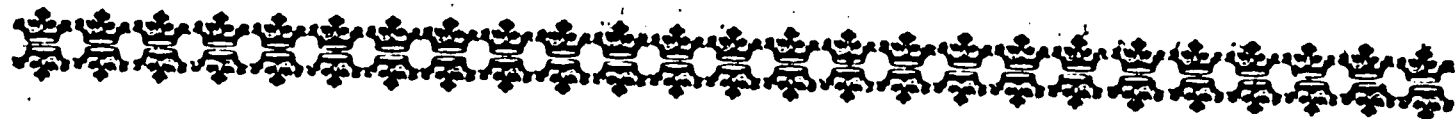


same to keep for Ten Days, in which Time, if the Owner thereof, or Person in whose Possession found, do not cause the same to be replevied, and find sufficient Securities to return the Goods, if it be found they were unlawfully imported, then the Officer that seized them, shall deliver the said Goods to the Sheriff, who is hereby enjoined to make Sale of them for the Use of His Majesty, and the Informer or Seizer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the *Onus probandi* shall be on the Part of him that causes the same to be replevied, to make it appear in any Court of Record in this Province, that such Things, seized as aforesaid, are not liable to Seizure, as aforesaid, which if he do, he shall be quit, and carry his Goods away; but if he do not, the Seizer shall have Judgment to have the Goods and Things by him so seized, returned; One Half thereof to be delivered to the Informer, and the other Half to remain in the Custody of the Sheriff for the King's Use.

PROVIDED, That the said Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend to any Horse or Horses brought into this Province by Travellers for their own Use only, and not intended for Sale; nor to any Person or Persons that shall remove themselves into this Province with their Families, in Order to settle here; nor to Commanders of any of His Majesty's Ships of War, in Purchasing or Importing Bread, Beer, Flour, or any manner of *English* or *Indian* Grain, towards the Supplying the said Vessels, and not otherwise; Any thing in the aforesaid Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pass'd June 3d, 1715.



*An Act for Limitation of certain Actions, for avoiding Suits at Law.* M. 57.

FORASMUCH as Nothing can be more essential to the Peace and Tranquility of this Province, than the Quieting of the Estates of the Inhabitants thereof, and for the Effecting of which no better Means can be taken than a Limitation of Time for the Commencing such Actions as, in the several and respective Courts within this Province, are brought from the Time of the Cause of such Actions accruing; Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That all Actions of Trespas, *Quare clausum fregit*, all Actions of Trespas, Detinue, Sur Trover, or Replevin for taking away Goods or Chattels, all Actions of Account, Contract, Debt, Book, or upon the Case, other than such Accounts as concern the Trade of Merchandize between Merchant and Merchant, their Factors and Servants, which are not Residents within this Province, all Actions of Debt for Lending or Contract without Specialty, all Actions of Debt for Arrearages of Rent, all Actions of Assault, Menaces, Battery, Wounding, and Imprisonments, or any of them, shall be sued or brought by any Person or Persons within this Province, at any Time after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall be commenced or sued within the Time and Limitation hereafter expressed, and not after; (that is to say) The said Actions of Account, and the said Actions upon the Case upon Simple Contract, Book, Debt, or Account, and the said Actions for Debt, Detinue, and Replevin for Goods and Chattels, and the said Actions for Trespas, *Quare clausum fregit*,

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