

Passed April 25th, 1715. } ACT for Limitation of certain Actions,
 } for avoiding Suits at Law.

ALL Actions of Trespas, *Quaro Clausam fregit*, all Actions of Detinue, *Sur Trover* or Replevin, for taking away Goods or Chattels, all Actions of Account, Contract, Book Debt or upon the Case, other than such Accounts as concern the Trade or Merchandize between Merchant and Merchant, their Factors and Servants, which are not Residents within the Province, all Actions of Debt for landing or contract without Speciality, and all Actions of Arrearages of Rent, shall be commenced or sued within Three Years, ensuing the Cause of such Action, and not after.

ACTIONS of the Case for Words, and Actions of Trespas, for assault and battery, and wounding and imprisonment, or any of them, shall be commenced or sued within one Year from the Time of the Cause of such Action accruing, and not after.

BUT if any Person intituled to any of the Actions aforesaid, shall be at the Time of any such Cause of Action accruing, within the Age of Twenty One Years, Feme Covert, *non compos Mentis*, imprisoned or beyond Sea, then such Person shall be at Liberty, to bring such Action or Actions within the respective Times before limited, after his coming to be of full Age, sound Memory, at large, or returned from beyond Sea, as other Persons, having no such Impediment, might or should have done.

No Person or Persons absenting themselves out of the Province, or removing from County to County, after any Debt contracted, whereby their Creditors may be at an Uncertainty of finding out them or their Effects, shall have any Benefit by the above Limitation.

IT is Provided, that this Act shall not prejudice any Person or Persons removing themselves or Family's from one County to another, for Conveniency, or leaving the Province for the Time and Term above limited, and leaving Effects, known and sufficient for paying their Debts, in the Hands of some Person or Persons who will assume the Payment of the same to their Creditors.

No Bills, Bonds, Judgments, Recognizances, Statutes Merchant, of the Staple or other Specialty whatsoever, except such as shall be taken in the Name and for the Use and Behoof of the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, shall be good and pleadable or admitted in Evidence against any Person or Persons of the Province, after the principal Creditor and Debtor have been both dead Twelve Years, or the Debt or Thing in Action above Twelve Years standing; saving to all Persons, that shall be under the aforementioned Impediments of Infancy, Coverture, Insanity of Mind, Imprisonment or byond Sea, the full Benefit of all such Bonds, Judgments, Recognizances, Statutes Merchant, or of the Staple or other Specialties, for the Space of Five Years after such Impediment removed.

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