

Months after such Recovery and not after, on the Defendant or Defendants; in which *Scire facias* shall be contained the Nature of the Demand and the Sum due.

ALL Actions hereafter to be brought on Sheriffs Bonds, shall be sued and brought within the Space of Five Years after the passing such Bonds and not afterwards.

PROVIDED, that this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall bar his sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors from suing in their own Right at any time; and if any Person intitled to sue such Bonds, be at the Time of any Cause of Action on such Bonds, under the Age of Twenty One Years, Feme Covert, *Non compos Mentis*, imprisoned or beyond Sea, such Person shall be at Liberty to bring such Action within Five Years after such Impediment removed; as other Persons having no such Impediment might or should have done.

ACT to prevent the Abuses of concealing convicted Felons and other Offenders imported into the Province, and for the better Discovery of them.

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EVERY Master of a Ship or Vessel who shall import any Felons or Offenders, shall be obliged to bring an authentick Testimonial of the Offence or Offences whereof they have been convicted, and the Number of Years they are obliged to serve, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of *Five Pounds* current Money for every such Felon or Offender, one half to be applied towards the defraying the County Charge, where the Vessel shall ride, and the other half to the Suer for the same; which Testimonial shall be lodged with the Clerks of the respective County Courts where such Felons and Offenders shall be imported and Sold, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds* for every Offence, to be applied as above. *And a Copy of such Testimonial under the Hand of such Clerk shall be Evidence.*

ALL Persons importing or bringing any Servant or Servants into the Province by Land or Water, shall, by Virtue of this Act, be obliged to declare upon Oath, (or Affirmation if a Quaker) to the Naval Officer of the Port or District, where imported, whether any such Servant or Servants have been convicted of any Crime to their Knowledge; and if any, of what Crime; and if it shall appear, that any such Servant or Servants hath or have been convicted of any Felony or other Offence, they shall serve the same Term of Years as prescribed and directed by the Statutes made there anext, any private Contract or Agreement to the Contrary notwithstanding.