

An act on the above subject passed in Nov. 1766, c. 25, the operation of which, is superseded by the following; viz.

10. The governor may order and compel any vessel to ride quarantine, if such vessel, or the port from which she shall have come, shall on strong grounds, be suspected to be infected with the plague. *Const. 33.*

11. Whenever and as often as the governor shall have strong grounds to apprehend, from the information of physicians, or otherwise, that there is danger of the plague, or other malignant contagious disease being introduced into this state from foreign parts, or from any of the United States, he may compel any vessel coming to any of our ports, shores or harbours, to ride quarantine, and to forbid, either by land or water, all intercourse or communication between this state and the place infected, or to lay such intercourse under such regulations and restrictions as he may think adviseable, and to take all measures, and do all things, which may appear to him to be necessary for giving effect to the objects of this act.—1793, c. 34, § 2.

RECOGNIZANCE.

1. **N**O recognition, &c. (except to the use of his majesty, his heirs, &c.) shall be pleadable after the principal debtor and creditor, have both been dead 12 years, or cause of action above 12 years standing. Saving to persons under the impediments of infancy, coverture, insanity of mind, imprisonment, or beyond sea, the full benefit of such recognition, &c. for 5 years after such impediment removed.—1715, c. 23, § 6.

2. If any recognizance, taken for the appearance of any person or persons to answer, or to testify, shall be forfeited in any court of record, the attorney-general, or either of his deputies, may order a writ or writs of *capias ad satisficiendum*, or *fieri facias*, whereon similar proceedings shall be had as on judgments obtained in personal suits.—

Feb. 1777, c. 13, § 2.

3. The following form of recognizance, shall be observed and used in all actions hereafter to be commenced; that is to say: John Doe plaintiff, against Richard Roe defendant. You, A. B. and C. D. do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Richard Roe, at the suit of the said John Doe, in an action of debt brought by the said John Doe, against the said Richard Roe, in the general court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this — day of — before — To the honourable the judges of the general court. Varying nevertheless the said form, as the nature of the action may require, which recognizance shall have the same force and effect as if taken in open court. *Oct. 1778, c. 21, § 4.*

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