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ality whatsoever, except such as shall be taken in the name or for the use of our sovereign Lord the king, his heirs and successors, shall be good and pleadable, or admitted in evidence against any person or persons of this province, after the principal debtor and creditor 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 afore-mentioned impediments of infancy, coverture, insanity of mind, imprisonment, or being beyond the sea, the full benefit of all such bills, bonds, judgments, recognizances, statutes merchant, or of the staple, or other specialties, for the space of five years after such impediment removed, any thing in this act before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 3d of June, 1715.

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An ACT to declare how the forty pounds of tobacco per poll, in such parishes where there is no incumbent, shall be disposed of. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 160.

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An ACT for the publication of all the laws of this province, and for the recording the same in the secretary's office, as also for transmitting the journal of the council in assembly, and of the house of delegates, into the said office, to the end that no person may be ignorant of the laws in this province. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 162.

Acts to be transcribed, &c.

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 from henceforward all the acts that shall pass from this, and all the succeeding assemblies, shall be from time to time fairly transcribed on parchment, or for want thereof, on good paper with a parchment cover, and by writ under the great seal of this province, from time to time, by the keeper of the seal for the time being, to the sheriff of each respective county shall be transmitted, and commandment to them in the said writs shall be given, "The said acts in their several and respective counties, at their next county court, to publish and proclaim, firmly to be observed and kept, and lodged with the clerk of each respective court, for the use thereof."

Counties to pay, &c.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That every several and respective county shall, from time to time, pay to the chancellor for the time being, for such transcript of the laws, so much tobacco as by the said general assembly, in which the said laws are made, shall be assessed and allowed.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That because there is not parchment now to be had in the province for transcribing the laws of this present session to be sent to the counties, that for this session only good paper shall be accepted to transcribe the several laws therein.

All acts to be transmitted, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That all the acts of assembly which shall be enacted this present session, and all the succeeding sessions of assembly, shall (within ten days after the end of each session) be transmitted into the secretary's office; and the secretary for the time being shall (upon receipt of the said acts into his office) cause the said acts to be entered upon record, in a very fair legible hand, and in a good substantial book, bound with leather or parchment cover, with large margins, and also alphabet the said book in good order, and affix the seal of his office thereto; and the clerk or clerks that do record the said acts, shall make oath before the governor of this province for the time being, or before one of his majesty's council, or two of the justices of the provincial court, that "he or they have carefully examined the record of the said acts by the original acts which have passed the great seal;" all which shall be done within six months successively after the end of each session.

Penalty for default.

V. AND, In case the secretary shall not pursue the directions of this act, but shall make default, he shall forfeit the sum of ten thousand pounds of tobacco for every such neglect, the one half thereof to his majesty, his heirs or successors, for the support of the government of this province, and the other half to the informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any court of record within this province, by bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection, or wager of law to be allowed.

Journals to be transcribed, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That the clerk of the council in assembly for the time being, and the clerk of the house of delegates for the time being, shall transcribe the respective