

And Bee it further enacted by the authorities  
 aforesaid, that in all actions of the Law for slanderous words  
 and to be sued or prosecuted by any person, in any the Courts  
 of Records within this Province that hath power to take plea of  
 the same after the end of this present Assembly, if the Jury  
 for tryall of the issue in such actions, or the Jury that shall  
 enquire of the Damages doe finde or assess the Damages  
 under forty shillings, then the Petitor or Petitors in such action  
 or actions shall have and recover only so much Costs as the  
 Damages given and assessed amount unto, without any  
 further increase of the same, any Custom, Law or usage to  
 the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided notwithstanding, and Bee it enacted by the authorities  
 aforesaid that if any person or persons that is or shall be  
 entitled to any such action of trespass, Detinue, Surtrouble,  
 Replevin, actions of account, actions of debt, actions of &c. &c.  
 trespass for assault, menace, battery, wounding, imprisonment,  
 actions upon the case for words, &c. or shall be at the time  
 of any such Cause of action given or accrued, fallen or come  
 within the age of one and twenty years. *Non* Coert, *non*  
 Compos mentis, imprisoned, or beyond the seas, that then such  
 person or persons shall be at liberty to bring the same actions  
 soe as they took the same within such times before limited  
 after their coming to, or being of full age, Discovert and  
 memory, at large, and returned from beyond seas, as other  
 persons having no such impediment should have done.  
 This act to endure for three years, or to the end of the next  
 generall Assembly which shall first happen.