

166 An Act for Limitation of Criminal Actions for certain Offences

Enacted by the authority before-mentioned  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

Whereas it is expedient to limit the time within which  
actions for certain offences may be brought, to the intent that justice  
may be done, and the offenders may be punished; —  
and for the better effecting of which, no action for any such offence  
shall be allowed to be brought, unless the same be commenced within the term of two years from the  
time of the commission thereof, and no verdict or judgment given thereon, —  
and respective Courts within this province are brought from the time of the  
commission of such offence according.

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons  
with the advice and consent of Her Majestys Government General and  
Assembly of this province, and the Lieutenant of the same shall make  
of his office a warrant for the recovery of any sum of money due or to  
be paid to him for taking away goods or chattels, or account of labour or  
goods or upon the case other than such accounts as between the hands of  
merchants or between merchant and mercantile factors & servants  
which are not residents within this province, all actions of debt for  
lending or contract without specially all actions of debt for unrecov-  
erage of debts, all accounts of assault & battery, wounding and  
imprisonment, any of them shall be had or brought by any person or  
persons within this province at any time after the end of two years  
general aforesaid shall be commenced or had within the time and dimi-  
nution hereafter expressed and not after that time / the said account of  
account and the said account for debt & damage and reparation for good  
and chattels and the said account for his office aforesaid  
within three years ensuing the time aforesaid and not after and the said  
actions on the case for goods and account of trespass of assault & battery  
wounding and imprisonment or any of them within one year from the  
time of the cause or such account occurring and not after. —

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid  
that if any person ~~or persons~~ Injured to any person or persons aforesaid  
shall sue at the time of any such cause of action occurring within the space  
of one and twenty years from the time of such injury sustained or  
beyond the years that then such person or persons shall be at liberty to

Signed