

of such lands, tenements, or hereditaments, from coming to, or devolving upon, such person or persons hereby intended to enjoy the same as aforesaid, shall be deemed fraudulent and void, and of none effect, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

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III. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons whatsoever, at any time hereafter, at any one sitting, or within the space of twenty-four hours, by playing at any of the games above mentioned, or any other game or games whatsoever, or by betting on the sides or hands of such as do play at any game or games, or by horse-racing, cock-fighting, or otherwise, shall lose to any one or more person or persons the sum or value of five pounds, or more, in the whole, and shall pay or deliver the same, or any part thereof, the person or persons so losing, and paying or delivering the same, shall be at liberty, within three months then next following, to sue for and recover the money or goods so lost, and paid or delivered, or any part thereof, from the respective winner or winners thereof, with costs of suit, by action founded on this act, to be prosecuted in any court of record within this state, where the sum or value thereof shall be cognizable, in which action it shall be sufficient for the plaintiff to allege that the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff, or received to the plaintiff's use the money so lost and paid, or converted the goods won of the plaintiff to the defendant's use, whereby the plaintiff's action accrued to him, according to the form of this act, without setting forth the special matter; and in case the party losing such money, or other thing as aforesaid, shall not, within the time aforesaid, really and *bonâ fide*, without covin or collusion, sue and with effect prosecute for the money, or other thing so lost, and paid or delivered, it shall and may be lawful to and for any other person or persons, by any such action or suit as aforesaid, to sue for and recover the same, and treble the value thereof, with costs of suit, against such winner or winners as aforesaid, the one moiety thereof to the use of the person or persons suing for the same, and the other moiety to the use of the county where such offence shall be committed: And every person who, by virtue of this present act, shall or may be liable to be sued for monies or other things so won as aforesaid, shall be obliged and compellable to answer, upon oath, such bill or bills as shall be preferred against him or them, for discovering the money or other thing so won at play as aforesaid.

Persons losing more than 5l. may recover the money lost, &c.

IV. Provided always, That upon discovery and repayment of the money or other thing, so to be discovered and repaid as aforesaid, the person and persons discovering and repaying the same, shall be acquitted, indemnified, and discharged, from any further or other forfeiture, punishment, or penalty, which he or they may have incurred by the playing for, and winning, such money, or other thing, so discovered and repaid.

Provide.

V. And, To prevent gaming at ordinaries, houses of entertainment, and other public places, which may be often attended with quarrels, disputes, and controversies, the impoverishment of many people and their families, and the ruin of the health and corruption of the manners of youth, who upon such occasions frequently fall in company with sharpers, and other idle and dissolute persons, who have no other way of maintaining themselves but by gaming:

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