

marked by the Tanner, Currier, or other Person manufacturing the same, with his or their *Surnames*, and in Case any *Leather*, to be manufactured as aforesaid, shall be sold or offered to be sold, not being stamped or marked as is herein before prescribed, or if any *Leather* manufactured, stamped, and marked as aforesaid, shall not be well and sufficiently tanned or curried, in a good and workmanlike Manner; in either Case, upon Complaint thereof being made to any *One* or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who by Virtue of this Act, shall have full Power and Authority to hear and determine the same, and upon Conviction thereof, upon the Oaths of *two* or more credible Witnesses, competent in such Matters, and upon View of such unstamped or defective *Leather* as aforesaid, shall adjudge the same to be forfeited and sold, and the Money arising thereby, after deducting reasonable Charges of Prosecution, shall be *One half* to the Prosecutor, and the other *half* shall be paid into the Hands of the *Overseers of the Poor*, for the Use of the Poor of the Town or Place, where such Conviction shall be made.



An Act for *Limitation of Actions*, and for avoiding Suits of *Law*.

E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted,
B That all *Actions* or *Suits*, either in *Law* or *Equity*, at any Time hereafter to be sued or brought, of or for any *Lands*, *Tenements*, or *Hereditaments*, within this Province, whereunto any Person or Persons now hath or have any Title, or cause, to have or pursue any such *Actions* or *Suits*, shall be sued and taken within *Twenty Years* next after the End of this present Session of the *General Assembly*; and after the said *Twenty Years* expired, no Person or Persons, or any of their Heirs, shall have or maintain any such *Action* or *Suit*, of or for any of the said *Lands*, *Tenements*, or *Hereditaments*; and that all *Actions* or *Suits*, either in *Law* or *Equity*, of or for any *Lands*, *Tenements*, or other *Hereditaments* whatsoever, at any Time hereafter to be sued or brought by Occasion or Means of any Title or Cause hereafter happening, shall be sued and be taken within *Twenty Years*, next after the Title and Cause of *Action* first descended or fallen, and at no Time after the said *Twenty Years*, and that no Person or Persons that now hath any Right or Title of Entry into any *Lands*, *Tenements* or *Hereditaments*,

now held from him or them, shall thereunto enter, but within *Twenty Years* next after the End of this present Session of the *General Assembly*, or within *Twenty Years* next after any other Title of Entry accrued.

And that no Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter, make any Entry into any *Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments*, but within *Twenty Years* next after his or their Right or Title, which shall hereafter first descend or accrue to the same, and in Default thereof, such Person so not entering, and their Heirs, shall be utterly excluded and disabled from such Entry after to be made.

Provided nevertheless, That if any Person or Persons that is or shall be intitled, to such *Actions or Suits*, or that hath or shall have such Right or Title of Entry, be, or shall be at the Time of the said Right or Title first descended, accrued, come or fallen within the Age of *Twenty One Years, Feme Covert, non compos Mentis, imprisoned, or beyond the Seas*, that then such Person and Persons, and his and their Heirs, shall or may, notwithstanding the said *Twenty Years* be expired, bring his *Action or Suit*, or make his Entry, as he might have done before this Act; so as such Person and Persons, or his or their Heirs, shall within *Ten Years* next after his and their *full Age, Discoverture, coming of sound Mind, Enlargement out of Prison, or coming into this Province, or Death*, take Benefit of, and sue for the same, and at no Time after the said *Ten Years*.

And be it further enacted, That all *Actions of Trespass quare Clausum fregit*, all *Actions of Trespass, Detinue, Action of Trover, and Replevin* for taking away of *Goods and Cattle*, all *Actions of Account* and upon the *Case*, (other than such *Accounts* as concern the Trade of *Merchandize*, between Merchant and Merchant, their *Factors and Servants*) all *Actions of Debt*, grounded upon any *Lending or Contract* without *Specialty*; all *Actions of Debt* for *Arrearages of Rent*, and all *Actions of Assault, Menace, Battery, Wounding, and Imprisonment*, or any of them which shall be sued or brought, at any Time after the End of this present Session of *General Assembly*, shall be commenced and sued, within the Time and Limitation hereafter expressed, and not after; (*that is to say*) The said *Actions* upon the *Case*, (other than for *Slander*) And the said *Actions* for *Account*, and the said *Actions* for *Trespass, Debt, Detinue, and Replevin* for *Goods or Cattle*, and the said *Action of Trespass quare Clausum fregit*, within *three Years* next after the End of this present Session of *General Assembly*, or within *six Years* next after the Cause of such *Action or Suits*, and not after: And the said *Actions of Trespass, of Assault, Battery, Wounding, Imprisonment*, or any of them, within *six Months* next after the End of the present Session of *General Assembly*, or within *One Year* next after the Cause of such *Actions or Suit*, and not after; and the said *Action* upon the *Case* for *Words*, within *three Months* after the End of the present Session of *General Assembly*, or within *six Months* next after the *Words* spoken, and not after.

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And be it further enacted, That if in any of the said Actions or Suits, Judgment be given for the Plaintiff, and the same be reversed by Error, or a Verdict pass for the Plaintiff, and upon matter alledged in Arrest of Judgment, the Judgment be given against the Plaintiff, that he take nothing by his *Plaint, Writ, or Bill*; or if any the said Actions shall be brought by *Original*, and the Defendant therein be *outlawed*, and shall after Reverse the *Outlawry*; that in all such Cases the Party Plaintiff, his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, as the Case may require, may commence a new Action or Suit from Time to Time, within *One Year* after such Judgment reversed or such Judgment given against the Plaintiff, or *Outlawry* reversed, and not after.

And be it further enacted, That in all Actions of *Trespass quare Clausum fregit*, hereafter to be brought, wherein the Defendant or Defendants shall disclaim, in his or their Plea, to make any Title or Claim to the Land in which the *Trespass* is, by the Declaration, supposed to be done, and the *Trespass* be by Negligence or involuntary, the Defendant or Defendants shall be admitted to Plead a *Disclaimer*, and that the *Trespass* was by Negligence or involuntary, and a Tender or Offer of sufficient Amends for such *Trespass* before the Action brought, whereupon, or upon some of them, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be enforced to join *Issue*, and if the said Issue be found for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be *non suited*, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be clearly barred from the said Action or Actions, and all other Suits concerning the same.

And be it further enacted, That in all Actions of *Trespass*, Actions for Assault and Battery, and all Actions for *slandorous Words*, to be sued or prosecuted by any Person or Persons after the End of this present Session of the *General Assembly*, if the Jury, upon the Trial of the Issue in such Action, or the Jury that shall enquire of the Damages, do find or Assess the Damages under *Forty Shillings*, then the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action, shall have and recover only so much Costs as the Damages so given or assessed, amount unto, without any further increase of the same: And if more Costs in any such Action be awarded, the Judgment shall be void, and the Defendant acquitted from the same. *Provided* That if the Judge at the Trial of any Action of Assault and Battery, or Action of *Trespass*, shall certify under his Hand upon the Back of the *Record*, that the Assault was sufficiently proved, or that the Freehold and Title of the Land, mentioned in the Plaintiff's Declaration, was chiefly in Question, or that the *Trespass* was voluntary and malicious, the Plaintiff, in such Case, shall recover his full Costs, though the Jury should find Damages to be under *Forty Shillings*.

Provided nevertheless, That if any Person or Persons that is or shall be intitled to any such Action of *Trespass, Detinue, Action of Trover, Replevin, Actions of Account, Actions of Debt, Actions of Trespass for Assault, Menace, Battery, Wounding or Imprisonment, Actions upon the Case for Words*, be or shall be at the Time of any such Cause of Actions given or accrued, fallen or come within the Age of *Twenty One Years, Feme Covert, non compos Mentis, imprisoned or beyond the Seas*; That then
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such Person or Persons shall be at Liberty to bring the same Actions, so as they take the same within such Times as are before limited, after their coming to, or being of full Age, *Discoverd, of sane Memory, at large,* and returned from *beyond the Seas,* as by other Persons having no such Impediment, should be done.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, against whom there is or shall be any Cause of Suit or Action of *Trespas, Detinue, Actions of Trover or Replevin,* for taking away any Goods or Cattle, or of Action of Account, or upon the Case, or of *Debt,* grounded upon any Lending or Contract without Specialty, of *Debt* for Arrearages of Rent, or Assault, *Menace, Battery, Wounding,* and *Imprisonment,* or any of them be or shall be, at the Time of any such Cause of *Suit* or Action given or accrued, fallen or become *beyond the Seas,* that then such Person or Persons who is or shall be intitled to any such Suit or Action, shall be at Liberty to bring the said Actions against such Person and Persons after their Return from *beyond the Seas,* so as they take the same after their Return from *beyond the Seas,* within such Times, as are respectively limited for the bringing of the same, by this Act.



An Act to prevent unnecessary Firing off *Guns,* and other *Fire-Arms,* in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax.*

B E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That if any Person or Persons, of what Age or Degree soever, from and after the Publication of this Act, shall unnecessarily fire out of any *Gun, Fusee, Musket, Pistol* or other Fire Arm, in any of the Houses, Streets, Lanes, Wharves, Yards, or Gardens in the Town or Suburbs of *Halifax,* every Person so offending, upon Conviction thereof, upon the Oath of *One* or more credible Witness, before any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, shall forfeit the Sum of *Ten Shillings,* to be levied by Warrant of Distress from such Justice, on the Offenders Goods and Chattels, and for Want of Goods or Chattels, such

Offender