

and the defendant or defendants in such action or suit shall and may plead the general issue, and give this Act, and the special matter in evidence, at any trial to be had thereon, and that the same was done in pursuance, and by the authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to be so done, or if any action or suit shall be brought after the time herein-before limited for bringing the same, then a verdict shall be given for the defendant.

Defendants may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence.

If brought after the expiration of 6 months a verdict for defendant.

XXXIX. *And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing herein contained shall affect in any manner or way whatsoever the Right of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any bodies politic or corporate, except as is herein expressly provided.

Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the right of His Majesty, or any other person, except as herein provided.

XL. *And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons, without being specially pleaded.

This Act a Public Act.

C H A P. XVIII.

AN ACT to Repeal part of, Continue, and Amend the Laws now in force imposing a Duty on Licences to Innkeepers within this Province.

[PASSED JAN. 19th, 1824.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to Alter the Laws now in force for Granting Licences to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the

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Peace, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the Duties hereafter to be paid on such Licences;” and to continue for a limited time by an Act passed in the second year of His Present Majesty’s Reign, entitled, “An Act to Continue for a limited time a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Late Majesty’s Reign, entitled, ‘An Act to Alter the Laws now in force for granting Licences to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the Duties hereafter to be paid on such Licences,’” will shortly expire; and whereas it is expedient to continue the same, except such parts thereof as are hereby repealed, and further to Amend the said Act,—

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, “An Act to Repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty’s Reign, entitled, ‘An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province,’” and by the authority of the same:—

That from and after the first day of March next, so much of the second clause of the said Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Late Majesty’s Reign as relates to the adjournment of the General Quarter Sessions to the last Monday in December, and the third clause of the said Act, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed; and that the Magistrates in General Quarter Sessions assembled in in each and every District in this Province, at their meeting next preceding the fifth day of January, shall have power and authority

After 1st March, 1824. 2d clause 59th Geo. III. ch. 2, as relates to the adjournment of General Qtr. Sessions to last Monday in December.

And 3d clause repealed.

Justices in Sessions, at the preceding meeting may adjourn until 5th January, or to the Monday after if 5th January be on Sunday

to adjourn the General Quarter Sessions to the fifth day of January in each and every year, or if the same shall be on a Sunday, then to the Monday following; for the purpose of receiving applications and granting approvals to Innkeepers, and for other purposes specified in the said Act.

for the purposes of granting licences to Innkeepers.

II. *And, be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said first-recited Act, except such parts thereof as are hereby repealed, shall continue and be in force for four years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament.*

Continuance of 69th Geo. III. ch. 23.



C H A P. XIX.

AN ACT to Continue and Amend an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of His Late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to Continue the Laws now in force for granting an additional Duty on Shop-Licences," and to require Persons selling Spirituous Liquors by Whole Sale to take out a Licence for that purpose.

[PASSED JAN. 19th, 1824.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WHEREAS an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of His Late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to Continue the Laws now in force for granting an Additional Duty on Shop Licences," will shortly expire; and whereas it is expedient to continue and amend the said Act,—

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