

The Quarter
Sessions to award
costs.

ful for such Justices so assembled to award costs to either party, as, they shall in their discretion think fit, to be levied by warrant of the said Justices, or any two or more of them, on the goods and chattels of the party or parties against whom the same shall be awarded; provided also, that in case there be not the space of six days between the first judgment or order of any Justice or Justices and the General or General Sessions then next following, that then such appeal may be made at the second General or Quarter Sessions, after such judgment or order made.

Prosecution against persons for any thing done in execution of this Act, to be commenced within three months.

Defendant may plead the general issue.

And in case of non-suit, &c. to recover double costs.

XXV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall, at any time, be sued or prosecuted for any thing by him or them done or executed in pursuance of or by colour of this Act, or of any matter or thing therein contained, such action or prosecution shall be commenced within the space of three months next after the offence shall be committed, and such person or persons shall and may plead the General issue, and give the special matter in evidence for his or their defence; and if upon trial, a verdict shall pass for the defendant or defendants, or the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall become non-suited, or shall discontinue his or their prosecution, or if a judgment be given for the defendant or defendants, upon demurrer or otherwise, such defendant or defendants shall have double costs to him or them awarded, against the plaintiff or plaintiffs.

Parishioners to be competent witnesses.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that the inhabitants of any parish, township, or place, shall be deemed and taken to be competent witnesses, for the purpose of proving the commission of any offence against this Act within the limits of such parish, township, or place, notwithstanding any part of the penalty incurred by such offence, is to be given, or applicable to the use of the poor of such parish-township or place.

All subjects described in this section, to obey and perform the whole of what is directed, respecting Aliens, under similar penalties.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, that all and every subject of his Majesty, who since the tenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, hath resided in France for the space of six months, or who since the said tenth day of, June one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, hath purchased or contracted for, in his own name, or to his own behalf, any lands or real estate, or any stock in the public funds of France, upon his or her arrival in this Province, after the passing of this Act, shall obey and perform all and every part of this Act, which respects Aliens, and shall be liable and subject to all and every the pains and penalties, declared and enacted for disobedience and neglect, by any Alien herein before described: and the same powers and authority are hereby granted, to all and every person for the execution of this Act, respecting his Majesty's subjects aforesaid, as were and are granted for the execution of the same respecting Aliens aforesaid.

XXVIII.