

Application.

summary manner, within twelve months after the fact committed, and not afterwards; and shall also be recoverable, with costs, in the same manner as other debts of the same value are recoverable in this Province, by bill, suit, plaint, or information; and one moiety of all such penalties, fines, and forfeitures, (except such as are herein before otherwise applied) shall be paid into the hands of the Receiver General, and remain at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, for the public uses of the Province, and shall be accounted for to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors shall direct; and the other moiety shall belong to the informer, or person who shall prosecute or sue for the same.

Limitation of
time for bringing
suits for things
done under this
Act.

General issue.

XXVIII.—*And be it enacted*, That if any action or suit shall be commenced against any person or persons, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, such suit or action shall be commenced within the space of twelve calendar months next after the offence shall have been committed, and not afterwards; and the defendant or defendants in such action or suit may plead the general issue, and give this Act, and the special matter, in evidence at any trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, then the Court shall find for the defendant or defendants; and if the plaintiff shall be