And be it further Enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought Limitation of or commenced against any Person for any thing done in pursuance of this Actions. Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within six months next after the matter or thing done; and the Defendant in such Suit or Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in evi- General Issue, dence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited or discontinue his Action after the Defendant has appeared, or if Judgment shall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall re- Treble Coss. cover Treble Costs, and have the like remedy for the same as Defendants have in other cases by Law.