

very of Rents, in case or upon any Contract where the Title of Lands, Tenementss or Hereditaments can or may come in Question; nor to any Debt, Matter, or Thing, that shall or may arise upon, or in any Wise relate to or concern any Cause of Testament or Matrimony, or any thing concerning or properly belonging to the Ecclesiastical Courts; nor to any Debt for Money or other thing won at or by means of any Horse-race, Cock-match, wager or any kind of Gaming or Play; nor to any Penalty incurred by any Act of this Island; nor to any Debt whereof there has not been a Contract, Acknowledgment, Undertaking or Promise to pay within six Years before the taking out the Summons, herein before mentioned.

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

XXV. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Matter or Thing done in Pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced within six Calender Months next after the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not afterwards; and the same shall be laid and brought in *His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue thereto, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at the Trial thereof. And if the Matter or Thing for which such Suit or Action may be brought shall appear to have been done in Pursuance of this Act; or if such Action or Suit shall be brought in any other County or Place than as is herein before expressed; then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become non-suited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit; or if, upon Verdict or Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; then, and in either of said Cases, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover treble such Costs as are usually taxed and allowed between Party and Party, and have such Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in any other cases by Law.

C A P. XII.

Amended by 25th
Geo. 3, c. 5.

Preamble.

An ACT prohibiting the Sale (by Retail) of RUM, or other distilled Spirituous LIQUORS, without first having a LICENCE for that Purpose, and for the due Regulation of such as shall be licensed.

WHEREAS the practice of drinking Rum, or other distilled spirituous Liquors, has become very prevalent and common, especially among Artificers, Servants, Labourers, Soldiers and Sailors, sojourning in, and belonging to, this Island; the constant and excessive use whereof tends greatly to the prejudice of their health, renders them incapable of discharging the duties of their respective occupations, debauches their Morals, and incites them to the practice of various other vices: For remedy whereof,

I. *Be*