

General issue nonsuit or discontinue his or their action or actions after the defendant
 may be plead- or defendants shall have appeared, then such defendant or defendants
 ed, &c. shall have treble costs awarded against such plaintiff or plaintiffs, and
 have the like remedy for the same as any defendant or defendants hath
 or have in other cases to recover costs at law. 5

Commence- XXIII. And be it enacted, That the foregoing provisions of this Act,
 ment of certain with the exceptions mentioned in the third, ninth, eleventh and twelfth
 enactments of sections thereof, shall have force and effect upon, from and after the
 this Act. first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and not
 before. 10