

Limitation of
Actions.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid in the County or Place where the Cause of Complaint did arise, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such

General Issue.

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 if the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff

Treble Costs.

or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant hath in any other Cases to recover Costs by Law.

Vessels laden
with the Pro-
duce of the
Fishery, or
the Growth
of *Newfound-
land* or *La-
brador*, may
sail without
Convoy or
Licence;

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Ship or Vessel employed in the *Newfoundland* Fishery, being wholly laden with Fish or other Produce of the said Fishery, or with Articles of the Growth or Produce of the said Island of *Newfoundland*, or Coast of *Labrador*, to sail or depart from any Port or Place within the said Island, or on the said Coast, (except as herein-after is provided), without being accompanied with or being under the Protection of Convoy, or without a Licence having been obtained authorizing such Ship or Vessel so to sail or depart.

but not
while any
Person autho-
rized to grant
Licence shall
be stationed
at the Port at
Saint John's.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to permit or allow any Ship or Vessel to sail or depart from the Port of *Saint John's* in the said Island of *Newfoundland*, without being under the Protection of Convoy, or without Licence being first obtained for that Purpose during the Time any Admiral or other Person duly authorized by the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or by the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, to grant Licences for permitting Ships or Vessels to sail or depart without being under the Protection of Convoy, shall be stationed or resident at the said Port of *Saint John's*.

Continuance
of Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be and continue in force during the present Hostilities with *France*.

Act may be
altered or re-
pealed this
Session.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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