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Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

DECIMO. QUINTO. 1744

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the
Twenty-ninth Day of *November*, Anno Domini 1744, in the
Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE
the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Being the First Session of the Fourteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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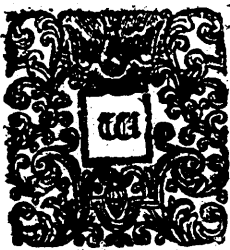


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An Act to restrain the Trade and Commerce of the Provinces of *Massachusetts Bay*, and *New Hampshire*, and Colonies of *Connecticut*, and *Rhode Island*, and *Providence Plantation*, in *North America*, to *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and the *British Islands* in the *West Indies*, and to prohibit such Provinces and Colonies from carrying on any Fishery on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, or other Places therein mentioned, under certain Conditions and Limitations.



WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation; and by several subsequent Acts of Parliament which are now in force, it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That for every Ship or Vessel which shall load any Com-

Preamble.
Clause in Act
12 Car. II.
recited.

modities, in those Acts particularly enumerated, at any British Plantation, being the Growth, Product, or Manufacture thereof, Bonds shall be given, with One Surety, to the Value of One thousand Pounds, if the Ship be of less Burthen than One hundred Tons, and of the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, if the Ship be of greater Burthen, that the same Commodities shall be brought by such Ship or Vessel to some other British Plantation, or to some Port in Great Britain: And whereas, by several other Acts of Parliament which are now in Force, no Commodities of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture of Europe, (except Salt for the Fisheries, Wines of the Madeiras and Azores and Western Islands, and Usual and Linen Cloth from Ireland, under the Restrictions in such Acts particularly mentioned), can be imported into any Plantation, Colony, Territory, or Place, belonging to His Majesty, in Asia, Africa, or America, but what shall be bona fide, and without Fraud, laden and shipped in Great Britain, and carried directly from thence: And whereas, during the Continuance of the Combinations and Disorders, which at this Time prevail within the Provinces of Massachuset's Bay and New Hampshire, and the Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, to the Obstruction of the Commerce of these Kingdoms, and other His Majesty's Dominions, and in Breach and Violation of the Laws of this Realm, it is highly unfit that the Inhabitants of the said Provinces and Colonies should enjoy the same Privileges of Trade, and the same Benefits and Advantages to which His Majesty's faithful and obedient Subjects are intitled; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and during the Continuance of this Act, no Goods, Wares, or Merchandises, which are particularly enumerated in and by the said Act, made in the Twelfth Year of King Charles the Second, or any other Act, being the Growth, Product, or Manufacture of the Provinces of Massachuset's Bay,

After July 1, 1775, no Goods, Wares, &c. enumerated by Act 12 Car. II. to be of the Growth, Product, &c. of Massachuset's Bay, &c. are to be brought into some other British Colony, or into Great Britain;

or New Hampshire, or Colonies of Connecticut, Rhode Island, or Providence Plantation, in North America, or any or either of them, are to be brought to some other British Colony, or to Great Britain; or any such enumerated Goods, Wares, or Merchandise, which shall at any Time or Times have been imported or brought into the said Provinces or Colonies, or any or either of them, shall be shipped, carried, conveyed, or transported, from any of the said Provinces or Colonies respectively, to any Land, Island, Territory, Dominion, Port, or Place whatsoever, other than to Great Britain, or some of the British Islands in the West Indies, to be laid on Shore there; and that no other Goods, Wares, or Merchandises whatsoever, of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture of the Provinces or Colonies herein-before mentioned, or which shall at any Time or Times have been imported or brought into the same, shall, from and after the said first Day of July, and during the Continuance of this Act, be shipped, carried, conveyed, or transported, from any of the said Provinces or Colonies respectively, to any other Land, Island, Territory, Dominion, Port, or Place whatsoever, except to the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or to some of the British Islands in the West Indies, to be laid on Shore there; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

and that no other Goods of the Manufacture of the Provinces mentioned are to be transported to any other Place except to Great Britain or Ireland, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said first Day of July, before any Ship or Vessel shall lade, or take on Board any Goods, as aforesaid, in any or either of the Provinces or Colonies before mentioned, sufficient Bond, with One Surety, besides the Master of such Ship or Vessel, shall be given to the Collector, or other Principal Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place where such Goods are intended to be laden, or taken on Board, in the Penalty of One thousand Pounds, if the Ship be of less Burthen than One hundred Tons, and of the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, if the Ship shall be of that or any greater Burthen, with Condition that such enumerated Goods shall not be landed, or put on Shore, at or upon any other Land, Island, Territory, Dominion, Port, or

Bonds, with Sureties, to be given, besides the Shipmasters, before taking on Board any Goods of the Growth, &c. of said Provinces.

Shipmasters to deliver Certificates of the due landing of Goods,

which are to be signed by the Collector at the Port where landed.

After Bonds have been delivered, Collector to certify the same.

Goods laden on Board before Bond given, or without Certificate, they are to be forfeited, with the Ship, &c.

Place whatsoever, except some Port or Place within the Kingdom of Great Britain, or some of the British Islands in the West Indies; and that all other Goods, Wares, or Merchandises, so intended to be laden as aforesaid, shall not be landed or put on Shore at or upon any Land, Island, Territory, Dominion, Port, or Place whatsoever, other than and except some Port or Place within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or some of the British Islands of the West Indies; and with further Condition to bring a Certificate in Discharge thereof, within Eighteen Months from the Date of such Bond, for such of the said Goods as shall be entered for or landed in Great Britain or Ireland respectively, and within Six Months for such of the said Goods as shall be entered for or landed in any of the British Islands in the West Indies; which respective Certificates shall be under the Hands and Seals of Office of the Collector and Comptroller, or other Principal Officer of the Customs, resident at the Port or Place where such Goods shall be landed, testifying the landing thereof; or such Bond or Bonds shall and may be discharged by Proof, upon Oath made by credible Persons, that the said Goods were taken by Enemies, or perished in the Seas.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any such Bond or Bonds shall be given, as aforesaid, in pursuance of this Act, the Collector, or other Principal Officer of the Customs, to whom such Bond or Bonds shall have been given, shall deliver, under his Hand and Seal of Office, without Fee or Reward, to the Master of the Ship or Vessel taking in such Goods, for the Security of her Navigation, a Certificate, that such Bond or Bonds hath or have been given, expressing therein the Quantity and Species of the Goods, with the Marks and Numbers of the Packages, and the Port or Place for which they were entered; and if any such Goods shall be laden on Board any such Ship or Vessel in any of the Provinces or Colonies in this Act before mentioned, before such Bond or Bonds shall be given, or shall be found on Board any Ship or Vessel without the Certificate hereinbefore directed, that such Bond or Bonds hath or have been

been given, the Goods so laden, together with the Ship or Vessel, with her Guns, Ammunition, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, shall be forfeited; and if any Goods, so laden as aforesaid, shall be landed or discharged at any Port or Place, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, over and above the Penalty of the Bond or Bonds, the Shipper and Owner of such Goods, and the Master or Person taking Charge of the Vessel on Board which they were laden, shall respectively forfeit the full Value of the Goods so landed or discharged, to be estimated according to the highest Price or Value which such Sort of Goods bear in the Province or Colony where and at the Time when they were shipped and laden; which Ship and Goods may be seized and prosecuted, or the Value of such Goods prosecuted for, by any Admiral, Chief Commander, or Commissioned Officer of His Majesty's Fleet or Ships of War, or by any Officer of His Majesty's Customs, in the Manner herein-after directed.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and during the Continuance of this Act, no Sort of Wines, Salt, or any Goods or Commodities whatsoever, (except Horses, Victual, and Linen Cloth, the Produce and Manufacture of Ireland, imported directly from thence), shall be imported into any of the said Colonies or Provinces herein-before respectively mentioned, upon any Pretence whatsoever, unless such Goods shall be bona fide and without Fraud laden and shipped in Great Britain, and carried directly from thence, upon Forfeiture thereof, and of the Ship or Vessel on Board which such Goods shall be laden; and it shall be lawful for any Admiral, Chief Commander, or Commissioned Officer, of His Majesty's Fleet, or Ships of War, or any Officer of His Majesty's Customs, to seize any Ship or Vessel arriving at any of the said Provinces or Colonies before mentioned, or which shall be discovered within Two Leagues of any Shore thereof, having such Goods on Board, and the Goods laden thereon, (except as before excepted), for which the Master,

After Sept. 1, 1775, certain Goods prohibited to be brought into the Colonies,

unless without Fraud shipped from Great Britain.

Master, or other Person taking Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall not produce a Cocket or Clearance from the Collector, or proper Officer of His Majesty's Customs, certifying that the said Goods were laden on Board the said Ship or Vessel, in some Port of Great Britain; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Act not to extend to Goods, &c. necessary for His Majesty's Ships of War, Forts, &c.:

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to prohibit the Exportation or carrying out from any of the Provinces or Colonies before mentioned, or the Importation into the same, of any Goods or Commodities whatsoever for the victualling or providing any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or other Ships or Vessels in His Majesty's Service, or for His Majesty's Forces, Forts, or Garrisons, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Nor hinder the lawful Importation of Goods from the British West India Islands into the said Colonies.

And provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to hinder or restrain the lawful Importation into any or either of the said Provinces or Colonies herein-before mentioned, from any of the British Islands in the West Indies, of any such Goods or Commodities, being the Growth or Produce thereof, as may now by Law be imported from thence into the said Provinces or Colonies, or any or either of them.

After July 20, 1773, all British Vessels not fitted out from Great Britain, &c. fishing on the Banks of Newfoundland, &c. to be forfeited, with their Tackle, &c.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ship or Vessel, being the Property of the Subjects of Great Britain, not belonging to and fitted out from Great Britain or Ireland, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, or Man, shall be found, after the Twentieth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, carrying on any Fishery, of what Nature or Kind soever, upon the Banks of Newfoundland, the Coast of Labrador, or within the River or Gulph of Saint Lawrence, or upon the Coast of Cape Breton, or Nova Scotia, or any other Part of the Coast of North America, or having on Board Materials for carrying on any such Fishery, every such Ship or Vessel, with her Guns, Ammunition, Tackle, Apparel,

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and Furniture, together with the Fish, if any shall be found on Board, shall be forfeited, unless the Master, or other Person, having the Charge of such Ship or Vessel, do produce to the Commander of any of His Majesty's Ships of War, stationed for the Protection and Superintendance of the British Fisheries in America, a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the Governor, or Commander in Chief, of any of the Colonies or Plantations of Quebec, Newfoundland, Saint John, Nova Scotia, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, East Florida, West Florida, Bahamas, and Bermudas, setting forth, that such Ship or Vessel, expressing her Name, and the Name of her Master, and describing her Built and Burthen, hath fitted and cleared out, from some One of the said Colonies or Plantations, in order to proceed upon the said Fishery, and that she actually and bona fide belongs to and is the whole and entire Property of His Majesty's Subjects, Inhabitants of the said Colony or Plantation; which Certificates such Governors, or Commanders in Chief respectively, are hereby authorized and required to grant.

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And to the End that the foregoing Prohibitions, Restrictions, and Regulations, may be more effectually carried into Execution, it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all or any of the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, stationed and appointed for the Regulation and Protection of the British Fishery upon the Coasts of North America, or to and for the Commanders of any other of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels employed at Sea, and they and every of them are hereby required and enjoined to examine, search, and visit all Ships and Vessels suspected to be carrying on the said Fisheries; and to seize, arrest, and prosecute, in manner herein-after directed, all and every such Ships and Vessels as shall be found to be carrying on the said Fisheries, not belonging to and fitted out from Great Britain or Ireland, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or

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This Act not to extend to Ships cleared out from the said Colonies before June 1, for the Whale Fishery only:

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to empower any Officer of His Majesty's Ships of War, or of His Majesty's Customs, to seize any Ship or Vessel which shall be fitted and cleared out from any of the said Colonies and Provinces before the first Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, for the Whale Fishery only, and which shall be found carrying on such Fishery within the Limits aforesaid, between the said first Day of June and the first Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and not carrying on, nor having on Board any Materials for carrying on, any other Fishery.

Nor to affect Ships belonging to the Island of Nantucket, cleared out for the Whale Fishery, having a proper Certificate:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, respecting the Fisheries carried on by His Majesty's Subjects in North America, shall affect, or be construed to affect, any Ship or Vessel, her Guns, Ammunition, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, or Fish, on Board, being the Property of any of the Inhabitants of the Island of Nantucket, employed in the Whale Fishery only, if it shall appear by the Papers on Board, that such Ship or Vessel was fitted and cleared out from thence before the first Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, or if the Master, or other Person having the Charge of any such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, shall produce a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the Governour or Commander in Chief of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, setting forth, that such Ship or Vessel (expressing her Name, and the Name of her Master, and describing her Built and Burden) is the whole and entire Property of His Majesty's Subjects of the said Island of Nantucket, and was the Property of One or more of them on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and that she was cleared out with Materials on Board in order to proceed upon the

the Whale Fishery only; any Thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, respecting the Fisheries carried on by His Majesty's Subjects in North America, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Ship or Vessel, being the Property of any of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Marshfield and Scituate, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, employed in or carrying on the Haddock, Shad, and Alewife Fisheries only, if the Master, or other Person having the Charge of any such Ship or Vessel, as aforesaid, shall produce a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the Governour, or Commander in Chief, of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, setting forth, that such Ship or Vessel (expressing her Name, and the Name of her Master, and describing her Built and Burthen) is the whole and entire Property of His Majesty's Subjects of the said Townships of Marshfield and Scituate, and was the Property of One or more of them, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, which Certificate or Certificates such Governour or Commander in Chief is hereby authorized and required to grant.

Nor any fitted out by the Townships of Marshfield and Scituate.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That the River which emptieth itself into Passamacadie or Passamaquadi Bay; on the Western Side, and is commonly called and known by the Name of Saint Croix River, be held and deemed, for all the Purposes in this Act contained, to be the Boundary between the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay and Nova Scotia.

The River running into Passamaquadi Bay deemed the Boundary between Massachusetts Bay and Nova Scotia.

And whereas it is the Intent and Meaning of this Act, That the several Prohibitions and Restraints herein imposed upon the Trade and Commerce, and Fisheries, of the said Provinces and Colonies should be discontinued and cease, so soon as the Trade and Commerce of His Majesty's Subjects may be carried on without Interruption; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever it shall be made appear to the Satisfaction

Whenever it shall appear to the Governour or New Hampshire, &c. that Peace is so far restored in any Province, that Trade may be carried on, he is to notify the same by Proclamation;

satisfaction of His Majesty's Governour or Commander in Chief, and the Majority of the Council, in the Provinces of New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay respectively, that Peace and Obedience to the Laws shall be so far restored within the said Provinces, or either of them, that the Trade and Commerce of His Majesty's Subjects may be carried on without Interruption within the same; and that Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, have been freely imported into the said Provinces, or either of them, from Great Britain, and exposed to Sale, without any Let, Hindrance, or Obstacle, from or by Reason of any unlawful Combinations to prevent or obstruct the same; and that Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, have in like Manner been exported from the said Provinces, or either of them respectively, to Great Britain, for and during the Term of One Calendar Month preceding; that then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Governour or Commander in Chief, with the Advice of the Council of such Provinces respectively, by Proclamation, under the Seal of such respective Province, to notify the same to the several Officers of the Customs, and all others; and after such Proclamation, this Act with respect to such Province, within which such Proclamation or Proclamations have been issued, as aforesaid, shall be discontinued and cease, (except as herein-after provided); and all Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and all other Persons having Charge of the Execution of this Act, having received due Notice of such Proclamation, are hereby directed and required to yield and pay Obedience to such Proclamation, and to proceed in the Discharge of their respective Duties, in admitting to entry, clearing, and discharging, all Ships and Vessels, and all Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, into and out of such respective Province; and to permit and suffer any Ships or Vessels to carry on the Fisheries within the Limits herein-before mentioned, in like Manner as if this Act had never been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

and all Officers of the Customs, &c. are required to pay due Obedience thereto.

If Application be made on Behalf of

And be it further enacted, That the Governour or Commander in Chief, with the Advice of the Council of the

the Province of Massachuset's Bay, shall and may, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, upon Application for and on Behalf of the Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, and Providence Plantation, or either of them, by the Governour or Commander in Chief of the said Colonies respectively, to issue the like publick Notice or Notices by Proclamation within the said Colonies; or either of them, if it shall be proved to the said Governour or Commander in Chief, and Council of Massachuset's Bay, by the Testimony of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs in each of the said Colonies respectively, and the said Governour or Commander in Chief, and Council, shall be satisfied of the Truth thereof, that the lawful Trade between the said Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, and Providence Plantation, and Great Britain, is and hath been carried on in Manner hereinbefore mentioned within the said Colonies, or either of them, for the Space of One Calendar Month preceding the Date of such Application; and from and after such Proclamation, this Act shall, with respect to such Colonies, or either of them, be discontinued and cease, (except as herein-after provided); and all Officers of the Customs in the said Colonies, and all others, are hereby required to pay Obedience to such publick Notice of the said Governour or Commander in Chief as aforesaid, and to proceed in the Discharge of their respective Duties in admitting to entry, clearing, and discharging, all Ships and Vessels, and all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, into and out of such Colony or Colonies, in like Manner as if this Act had never been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That such Proclamation or Proclamations shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to discharge or suspend any Proceedings upon any Seizure which shall have been made, or any Prosecution which shall have been commenced for any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted by this Act before the issuing of such Proclamation or Proclamations.

the Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, &c. and it be proved to the Governour in Chief, etc. that lawful Trade hath been carried on, he is to issue the like Proclamation.

Proclamation not to discharge Proceedings upon any Seizure made before issuing thereof.

Persons giving false Certificates, or counterfeiting, &c. the same, to forfeit &c.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall give or grant any false Certificate, Cocket, or Clearance, for any of the Purposes required or directed by this Act, such Person or Persons shall forfeit the Sum of five hundred Pounds, and be rendered incapable of serving His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in any Office whatsoever; and if any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, erase, alter, or falsify, any Certificate, Cocket, or Clearance, required or directed by this Act, or shall knowingly or willingly make use of any false Certificate, Cocket, or Clearance, or of any Certificate, Cocket, or Clearance, so counterfeited, erased, altered, or falsified, such Person or Persons shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of five hundred Pounds, and such Certificate, Cocket, or Clearance, shall be invalid and of no Effect.

How Penalties and Forfeitures may be prosecuted and applied.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by this Act, shall and may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered, and be divided, paid, and applied, in like Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by any Act or Acts of Parliament, relating to the Trade or Revenues of the British Colonies or Plantations in America, are directed to be prosecuted, sued for, or recovered, divided, paid, and applied, by Two several Acts of Parliament, the One passed in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for granting certain Duties in the *British Colonies and Plantations in America*; for continuing, amending, and making perpetual, an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled, *An Act for the better securing and encouraging the Trade of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America*; for applying the Produce of such Duties, and of the Duties to arise by virtue of the said Act, towards defraying the Expences of defending, protecting, and securing, the said Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *Charles the Second*, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland*

and Eastland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade; and for altering and disallowing several Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandestine Conveyance of Goods to and from the said Colonies and Plantations, and improving and securing the Trade between the same and Great Britain; and the other, passed in the Eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the more easy and effectual Recovery of the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by the Acts of Parliament relating to the Trade or Revenues of the *British* Colonies and Plantations in *America*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act of Parliament, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give the said Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance of and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if Judgement shall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as Defendants have in other Cases by Law.

Persons sued for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act may plead the General Issue,

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