

An Act for Limitacōn of Certain Actions for avoyding  
Suites at Lawe.

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For the quietting of the Estates of the people of this Province & for avoyding of Actions Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and Consent of the Vpper and Lower house of this present Generall Assembly And the Authority of the same that all actions of Trespass quare Clausum fregit all actions of Trespasse Detinue Sur trover and Replevin for takeing away goods and Chattles all accōns of accompt Contract debt booke and upon the Case other then such accompts as Concerne the Trade of Merchandize Between Marchant & Marchant their factors and servants which are not Resident within this Province all accōns of debt for lending or Contract without Specialty all accōns of debt for Arrearages of Rent and all accōns of Assault menace Battery wounding and Imprisonment or any of them which shall be sued or brought by any person or persons within this Prouince att any time after the End of this present Generall Assembly shall be Comēnced and sued within the time & Limitacōn hereafter Expressed and not after (That is to say) The said accōns of the Case (other then for Slander) And the said accōns for accompt And the said Accōns for Trespass debt detinue and Replevin for goods and Chattles And the said Accons of Trespasse quare Clausum fregit within two yeares after the end of this present Session of Generall Assembly or within two yeares after the Cause of such Accōn and not after And the said Accons Uppon the Case for woords and accōns of Trespasse of assault Battery wounding imprisonment or any of them within one yeare next after the End of this present Generall Assembly or within one yeare after such Cause of accōn and not after And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in all accōns upon the Case for Slanderous words to be sued or prosecuted by any person or persons in any the Courts of Record of this Province That hath Power to hold plea of the same after the End of this present Assembly if the Jury vpon the tryall of the issue in such Accōn or the Iury that shall inquire of the Damages doe find or asseste the damages vnder forty shillings then the Plaintiffe or Plaintiffes in such Accōn shall have and Recover onely soe much Cost as the damages given or assessed amount vnto without any further Increase of the same any Lawe Custome or vsage to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding

Provided Never the Lesse And Bee itt Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons that is or shall be intituled to any such Accōn of Trespass detinue Sur