

measures can be taken than a limitation of time for the commencing of such actions, as in the several and respective courts within this province are brought, from the time of the cause of such actions accruing;

Actions to be brought within three years, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the King's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of his majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this province, and the authority of the same,* That all actions of trespass *quare clausum fregit*, all actions of trespass, detinue, sur-trover, or replevin for taking away goods or chattels, all actions of account, contract, debt, book, or upon the case, other than such accounts as concerns the trade or merchandise between merchant and merchant, their factors and servants which are not residents within this province, all actions of debt for lending, or contract without speciality, all actions of debt for arrearages of rent, all actions of assault, menaces, battery, wounding and imprisonment, or any of them, shall be sued or brought by any person or persons within this province, at any time after the end of this present session of assembly, shall be commenced or sued within the time and limitation hereafter expressed, and not after; that is to say, the said actions of account, and the said actions upon the case, upon simple contract, book debt, or account, and the said actions for debt, detinue and replevin for goods and chattels, and the said actions for trespass *quare clausum fregit*, within three years ensuing the cause of such action, and not after; and the said actions on the case for words, and actions of trespass of assault, battery, wounding and imprisonment, or any of them, within one year from the time of the cause of such action accruing, and not after.

A saving to infants, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person entitled to any the action or actions aforesaid shall be, at the time of any such cause of action accruing, within the age of one and twenty years, *feme-covert*, *non compos mentis*, imprisoned, or beyond the seas, that then such person or persons shall be at liberty to bring the said action or actions within the respective times before limited, after their coming to, or being of, full age, sound memory, at large, or returned from beyond the seas, as other persons having no such impediment might or should have done.

The saving of non-residents is repealed by 1818, chap. 216.

SEC. 4. *And, forasmuch as divers disputes formerly arose, whether persons absenting the province, or wandering from county to county until the time by the late act, for the reasons and purposes aforesaid limited and allowed, were expired, should have any benefit thereby, and different judgments given thereon in the several and respective counties within this pro-*