

vince, for that the said act was altogether silent, *Be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the publication hereof, no person or persons whatsoever, absenting themselves out of this province, or that shall remove from county to county, after any debt contracted, whereby the creditor or creditors may be at an uncertainty of finding out the said person or persons, or his or their effects, shall have any benefit by the limitation or restriction in this act specified.

Certain persons to have no benefit, &c.

By November, 1765, ch. 12, persons liable to any action, who may be absent *at the time* when the cause thereof accrues, shall not have any benefit by this act, provided that after their presence such action shall be commenced within the time limited.

SEC. 5. *Provided always,* and it is the true intent and meaning hereof, That this act, or any thing herein contained, shall not be construed, reputed or taken, to prejudice or debar any person removing himself or family from one county to another for his conveniency, or any person leaving this province for the time and term in this act limited, from the benefit thereof, he leaving effects sufficient and known for the payment of his just debts, in the hands of some person or persons who will assume the payment thereof to his creditors, any thing in this act contained to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Proviso.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid,* That no bill, bond, judgment, recognizance, statute merchant, or of the staple, or other specialty whatsoever, except such as shall be taken in the name or for the use of our sovereign lord the king, his heirs and successors, shall be good and pleadable, or admitted in evidence against any person or persons of this province, after the principal debtor and creditor have been both dead twelve years, or the debt or thing in action above twelve years standing; saving to all persons that shall be under the aforementioned impediments of infancy, coverture, insanity of mind, imprisonment, or being beyond the sea, the full benefit of all such bills, bonds, judgments, recognizances, statutes merchant, or of the staple, or other specialties, for the space of five years after such impediment removed, any thing in this act before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

No bill, &c. to be good, &c.

See preceding note.

## CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT for the publication of all the Laws of this province, and for the recording the same in the secretary's office, as also for transmitting the journal of the council in assembly, and of the house of delegates, into the said office, to the end that no person may be ignorant of the laws in this province.

This law is superseded by the sixtieth section of the constitution; by 1790, ch. 51; by 1791, ch. 20; by 1804, ch. 55; by 1816, ch. 241.