

Where penalty may be sued for, which may be within three years after the offence.

V. And be it further enacted, That the penalty inflicted by this act may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered, in any court of record in *Great Britain*; and in every such action or suit the party against whom judgement shall be given, (whether plaintiff or defendant), shall pay double costs of suit; and every such action shall and may be brought at any time within three years after the offence committed, and not afterwards, and every such action shall be carried on without wilful delay.

## C A P. CXIX.

*An act to repeal so much of an act, made in the fifth year of the reign of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled, An act for the more easy recovery of debts in his Majesty's plantations and colonies in America, as makes negroes chattels for the payment of debts.—[July 19, 1797.]*

Preamble.

5 Geo. 2. c. 7,  
recited.

**W**HEREAS by an act, which was passed in the fifth year of the reign of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled, An act for the more easy recovery of debts in his Majesty's plantations and colonies in *America*, it was enacted and declared, That, from and after the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand seven hundred and thirty-two, the houses, lands, negroes, and other hereditary and real estates, situate or being within any of the said plantations, belonging to any person indebted, should be liable to, and chargeable with, all just debts, duties, and demands, of what nature or kind soever, owing by any such person to his Majesty, or any of his subjects, and should and might be assessed for the satisfaction thereof, in like manner as real estates are, by the law of England, liable to the satisfaction of debts due by bond, or other specialty, and should be subject to the like remedies, proceedings, and process, in any court of law or equity in any of the said plantations respectively, for seizing, extending, selling, or disposing of every such houses, lands, negroes, and other hereditaments and real estates, towards the satisfaction of such debts, duties, and demands, and in like manner as personal estates, in any of the said plantations respectively, are seized, extended, sold, or disposed of, for the satisfaction of debts: and whereas it is deemed expedient that the said recited act, so far as it relates to negroes, should be repealed: may it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the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 so much of the said in part recited act, as relates to negroes in his Majesty's plantations, is hereby repealed and made void, and shall be of no effect in future; any thing in the above act, or any other act, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

So much of recited act as relates to negroes in his Majesty's plantations, repealed.

## C A P. CXX.

An act further to continue an act, made in this present session of parliament, intituled, An act to suspend, for a limited time, the operation of two acts of the fifteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of his present Majesty,