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An Act to explain an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-second Year of His Majesty's Reign, relative to Inland Navigations there, so far as relates to the Limitation of Actions against Canal Companies and others. [14th *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain and amend certain Laws relating to the Inland Navigations of this Kingdom*, it is among other Things enacted, Irish Act, 32 G. 3. that if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against the Companies or Persons in the said Act mentioned, who have respectively undertaken the making and finishing of Canals and Inland Navigations in *Ireland*, or any Person or Persons acting under them or any of them, for or in respect of any Matter or Thing by them or any of them done or executed by virtue of or in pursuance of the said recited Act, or of other Acts relative to Inland Navigation, or the making Canals in *Ireland*, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Months after the alledged Cause of such Action or Suit shall have commenced, and not afterwards: And Doubts have arisen whether such Limitation of Actions extends to all Actions that may be brought against such Companies or Persons; and it will tend greatly to the Promotion and Advantage of Inland Navigations in *Ireland*, that the said Limitation as to Actions should be extended

generally in favour of the aforeſaid Companies and Perſons in Manner herein-after mentioned; 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 in caſe any Action or Suit whatſoever ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Companies or Perſons who have reſpectively undertaken the making of Canals and Inland Navigations in *Ireland*, or againſt any Perſon or Perſons acting under ſuch Companies or Perſons, or any of them, for and in reſpect of any Matter or Thing whatſoever, by them or any of them done or executed, by virtue of or in purſuance of any Acts paſſed in *Ireland*, or in force in *Ireland*, relating to Inland Navigation or the making Canals there, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months after the alledged Cauſe of ſuch Action ſhall have accrued and not afterwards; and the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the recited Act of the Thirty-ſecond Year and any other ſuch Act or Acts and the Special Matter in Evidence on every Trial to be had thereon; and that ſuch Matter or Thing was done or executed in purſuance of and by Authority of ſome or any of the aforeſaid Acts relating to Inland Navigation and the making Canals in *Ireland*.

Limitation of Actions againſt Canal Companies in Ireland.

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Actions may be brought within Three Months.

II: Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall hinder or prevent any Perſon or Perſons who may have been affected or injured by any Act, Matter, or Thing heretofore done or executed by any of the aforeſaid Companies or Perſons, or by any Perſon or Perſons acting under them, and who now hath or have any Cauſe of Action againſt any of the aforeſaid Companies or Perſons for or by reaſon of ſuch Matter or Thing, from commencing any Suit at Law or in Equity for Relief againſt the ſame within Three Calendar Months after the paſſing of this Act; any Thing in this Act before contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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