

AN ACT to restrain and prevent the excessive Increase of Horse Races, and for amending an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act for the more effectual Preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming."

\* \* \* \* \*

9. And whereas a good and wholesome law was made in the twelfth year of the reign of His present Majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act for the more effectual Preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming;" but, contrary to the true intent and meaning thereof, some fraudulent and deceitful games have been invented, and a certain game called "passage" is now daily practised and carried on, to the ruin and impoverishment of many of His Majesty's subjects :

Act against  
excessive  
gaming.

The said game of passage, and all and every other game and games invented or to be invented with one or more die or dice, or with any other instrument, engine, or device in the nature of dice, having one or more figures or numbers thereon (backgammon and the other games now played with the backgammon tables only excepted), are and shall be deemed to be games or lotteries by dice, within the intent and meaning of the said in part recited Act :

Games of  
passage and  
other games  
with dice  
prohibited.

And all and every person and persons who shall set up, maintain, or keep any office, table, or place (save and except as in the said in part recited Act is provided and declared) for the said game of passage, or for any other such game or games as aforesaid (backgammon and the other games now played with the backgammon tables only excepted), shall severally forfeit, be subject, and liable to all and every the penalties and forfeitures in and by the said in part recited Act inflicted upon any person or persons who shall erect, set up, continue, or keep any of the games or lotteries in the said in part recited Act mentioned :

And all and every person or persons who shall play, set at, stake, or adventure at the said game of passage, or at any other such game as aforesaid (backgammon and the other games now played with the backgammon tables only excepted), save and except as in the said in part recited Act is provided and declared,

he and they respectively shall severally forfeit, be subject, and liable to all and every the penalties and forfeitures in and by the said in part recited Act inflicted upon any person or persons who shall play, set at, stake, or adventure at any of the said games in the said in part recited Act mentioned :

And all and every such offenders respectively shall be prosecuted and convicted, and the several penalties and forfeitures shall be sued for and recovered, and disposed of in like manner, and to such uses, as the several penalties and forfeitures in either of such cases as are by the said in part recited Act directed to be sued for, and recovered, and disposed of.

Double costs.

**10.** . . . . Over and above the penalties and forfeitures to be recovered by virtue of this Act, the plaintiff or informer shall recover his or her double costs.