



# Customs Consolidation Act 1876

## 1876 CHAPTER 36

AS TO THE COURSE OF PROCEDURE FOR RECOVERING PENALTIES, ENFORCING FORFEITURES, AND PUNISHING OFFENDERS UNDER THE CUSTOMS ACTS.

*As to actions against officers of Customs*

**272 Actions against officers to be brought within one month after cause arises.**

Every action against any officer of Customs or other such person shall be commenced within one month after the cause of action shall have arisen; but if such action be brought in respect of any seizure made by such officer or other such person, the month shall be computed from the day of seizure, unless it shall within that time become the subject of an information for the condemnation thereof, in which case the cause of action shall not be deemed to have arisen until the day after the trial of such information, and the venue in such action shall be laid in the county or place where the cause thereof is alleged to have occurred; and the defendant may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence on the trial thereof; and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuited or discontinued, or if upon a verdict or demurrer judgment shall be given against him, the defendant shall be entitled to costs, and have such remedy for the recovery thereof as any other defendant now has in other cases where costs are legally recoverable.