

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That all causes, pleas, C H A P. XLVI. procefs and proceedings, now depending and returnable to the said November Causes, &c. court, shall be, and are by virtue of this act, adjourned and continued to the adjourned, &c. fourth Monday in this present month of January, and that all the said causes, pleas, procefs and proceedings, in the said court, now depending and returnable to the said November court, shall be in the same state and condition as they would be in on the said second Monday in January, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

## C H A P. XLVII.

An ACT to aid and confirm the proceedings of Dorchester and Paffed January 20. Caroline county courts.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that for want of Preamble. timely notice of the laws of the last session, the justices of Dorchester and Caroline counties did not meet at their respective courts on the Mondays before the second and third Tuesdays in March and June last, according to the directions of an act passed at the last session of assembly, for altering the time of holding the courts in the said counties, but that they met as usual on the second and third Tuesdays respectively in the said months, pursuant to their own adjournments, and the acts of assembly theretofore made for regulating the times of holding the courts in the counties aforesaid, whereby all the rules, judgments, entries, acts and proceedings, made, rendered and done, by the justices of the said county courts at their March and June terms last, may be defeated and annulled, without the assistance of the legislature;

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That all the rules, Rules, &c. judgments, entries, acts, procefs and proceedings, made, rendered and done, by the justices of the said county courts, at their respective terms aforesaid, shall be and are hereby made valid and effectual, and confirmed, according to the intent and purpose of the same, and shall be deemed and considered to have the same force and effect as if the said proceedings had been made and done by the justices of the said county courts at the times directed, and pursuant to the authority granted by the act passed as aforesaid for this purpose at the last session of the general assembly. &c.

## C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT for the relief of Simon Nicholls, late collector of the Paffed January 20. public tax for Montgomery county, and of Alexander Catlett and Thomas Nicholls, his securities.

**W**HEREAS the said Simon Nicholls was collector of the taxes for the Preamble. years seventeen hundred and eighty, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and seventeen hundred and eighty-two, and on the petition of the said Alexander Catlett, one of his securities aforesaid, an act passed to take the collection out of the hands of the said Simon Nicholls, and vest the same in the said Alexander Catlett: And whereas the said Simon Nicholls, by his petition to this general assembly, prays for a restitution of the collection, to which the said Alexander Catlett consents, under the particular terms and conditions stated in their respective petitions;

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That if the said Simon Nicholls shall, on or before the first day of April next, enter into bond On entering into bond, the power of collecting restored, &c. with security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, for the balance appearing due from him as collector, the power of collecting the arrears to him due from the people, shall be and hereby is restored, and his former securities shall be thereby discharged; and the said Alexander Catlett, under the penalty of fifteen per cent. on all that is retained, shall, within one month thereafter, account for with and pay to the treasurer of the western shore, on account of the said Simon Nicholls, all such sums of money, with interest thereon from the time of receiving the same, as he shall have received as collector