

to their respective Functions, Offices, and Stations, since the aforesaid Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary.

And whereas it is necessary to the Peace and Welfare of this Province, that upon any emergent Occasion, some Person or Persons residing within this Province, should be sufficiently authorized and empowered to call and summon the General Assembly of this Province, for the Providing, Establishing, and Enacting of good and salutary Laws; which, by the undoubted Constitution of this Province, cannot be made, ordained, established, or enacted, but by and with the Consent of the Freemen of this Province, by their several and respective Delegates and Representatives legally called together and assembled by the Lord Proprietary for the Time being, or some other Person or Persons by him for that End and Purpose properly constituted, authorized, and appointed.

And whereas it is also necessary, for the good Rule and Government of this Province, that Justice should be always administered, the Laws executed, and the Public Services of the Province constantly performed.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Pleas, Actions, Suits, and other Prosecutions and Proceedings whatsoever, in any Court of Judicature within this Province, that were commenced or depending before or since the Death or Demise of the aforesaid late Lord Proprietary, and which either have been determined, or still depend and continue undetermined, shall be, and are hereby deemed as effectually determined or continued, to all Intents, Purposes, and Constructions whatsoever, as if no such Death or Demise had happened; any Defect or Error in such Proceedings, occasioned only by the Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary, or his Name and Stile being used or observed in such Writs, Precepts, Process, and Judicial Proceedings, or any Want of Authority in the aforesaid several Courts, by Means or Occasion of the Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That the Proceedings of the several Courts of Judicature within this Province, untill this Time, be and are hereby confirmed, so that no Advantage shall be taken of any Want of Authority, Defects, or Error, in such Proceedings, occasioned by the Death only of the said late Lord Proprietary; but that all such Defects and Errors be and are hereby perfectly and effectually aided, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That every Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, done, executed, or performed, since the Death or Demise of the aforesaid late Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by any Person