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the People in that Season of the Year; for Remedy whereof for the future;

II. Be it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That June Court, heretofore held in every County, be and is hereby discontinued and abolished, and that every Matter or Thing, directed and required, by any Law of this Province, to be done, used, and practised, at June Court, shall for the Future be done, used, and practised, at the August Court in every County, as fully and effectually, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as the same hath hitherto been done, used, and practised, at June Court, aforesaid, any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

III. And, Whereas, by the discontinuing and abolishing June Court, it is thought reasonable that the Time for limiting the Continuance of Actions in the several and respective County Courts within this Province should be shortened, Here therefore enacted, That all Actions, commenced on to be commenced in any County Court of this Province, may be continued to the End of the Third Court after the Appearance Court, and do longer, unless it shall appear by Affidavit, to the Satisfaction of the Court, that Testimony material in such Suit is really wanting, and that the Party alleging the same to be wanting, or his Attorney or Agent, hath used his reasonable Endeavours for procuring such Witness or Testimony, any former Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

IV. And, Whereas, from the Increase of Civil Business in Charles, Talbot, Saint Mary's, Baltimore, and Kent Counties, it is thought proper that the Days appointed by Law for the holding of the County Courts in the said Counties be altered; Be it therefore enacted, That for the future the County Court for Baltimore, Talbot, and Saint Mary's Counties shall be held on the Monday before the First Tuesday in the Months of March, August, and November, yearly; for Charles County, on the Monday before the Second Tuesday of the said Months; and for Kent County, on the Monday before the Third Tuesday of the said Months: And that all Actions, Process, and Proceedings, as well Criminal as Civil, which are depending and undetermined in the said County Courts, or returnable to the First, Second, and Third Tuesdays in any of the said Months, shall be continued, judged, and taken, to be in the same Situation, State, and Condition, on the Monday before the First, Second, and Third Tuesdays in August next, as they would be on the First, Second, and Third Tuesdays in June next: And the Justices of the said County Courts for the Time being may, on the Mondays before the First, Second, and Third Tuesdays of August next, proceed to the hearing and determining all Actions, Process, and Proceedings, respectively, as the Case may require, as fully and effectually, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, whatsoever, as the Justices of the said County Courts could or might lawfully do on the First, Second, and Third Tuesdays of June next, any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

V. And be it enacted, That all Pleas, Process, and Proceedings, which are returnable to the next June Court, shall be returnable to the next August Court, to be held for each

All Pleas &c. returnable to June, to be returned to August Court in each County.