

An A C T to aid and make valid the proceedings of Talbot county court.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S the county court for Talbot county, which by an act of the general assembly of Maryland, begun and held at Annapolis, on Monday the twenty-sixth day of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Talbot county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was directed to have been held on the Monday before the third Tuesday in December last, was not called and held on the said Monday before the said third Tuesday, agreeable to the directions of the said act, but for want of proper information was called and held on the Monday before the second Tuesday in the said December, and the justices of the said county court did then take cognizance of and proceed in all the causes, pleas, process, and proceedings, both civil and criminal, which were depending and undetermined in the said Talbot county court, which ought to have been held on the aforesaid Monday before the third Tuesday in said December, and did also proceed to do and transact the other business of the county court which ought to have been so held as aforesaid :

Acts, &c.
done, to be
valid, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all acts, proceedings, and other matters whatever, which were taken cognizance of, transacted, done, or performed, by the justices and officers of the said county court, which was so as aforesaid called and held on the aforesaid Monday before the second Tuesday in December last, shall be construed, held, adjudged, and taken, as good, valid, and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the said justices of the said court had called and held the said court, and had transacted, done, and performed, all the said acts, proceedings, business, and other matters whatever, on the said Monday before the said third Tuesday in December last, as by the said recited act was required, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. IV.

An A C T relating to the issuing of writs of *certiorari* and *habeas corpus* out of the general court in civil causes.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S it was heretofore generally the practice to obtain the allowance of some one of the judges of the provincial court to every writ of *certiorari* and *habeas corpus*, as well in civil as criminal causes, and as such practice is not only unnecessary, but may be attended with great inconvenience and expence to suitors :

On a writ of
certiorari, &c.
allowance of a
judge not ne-
cessary.

II. Be it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, and it is hereby declared, That on any writ of *certiorari* or *habeas corpus*, issued out of the general court to any court in this state, in any civil cause, the allowance of any one of the judges of the said general court is not necessary, and every such writ shall be obeyed according to the command thereof and the law of the land.