

thought it fit & proper to proceed in the Enquiry, Hearing and Determination of the same; and the said Justices of the Provincial Court, for the Enquiry, Hearing, and Determining of the said Crimes and Contempts, or any of them, shall and may cause to be summoned, any Jury or Juries, Witnesses or Witnesses, as oft as Need or Occasion shall require, in the same Manner, as Juries or Witnesses have been summoned for Trial at Bar: And the Sheriff or Sheriffs, who shall be commanded by the said Justices, to summon such Jury, and the Party so summoned as a Juror or Witness, or any of them, making default, or neglecting (without lawful Excuse to be allowed by the said Justices) to obey such Directions of the said Justices or the said Summons, shall be liable to the same Forfeitures and Penalties, and to be inflicted, recovered, levied, and applied, as directed by *an Act, causing Grand and Petit Jurors and Witnesses to come to the Provincial and County Courts, and ascertaining their Allowances.*

And forasmuch, as the Time appointed by the aforesaid Act of Assembly herein and hereby intended to be Revived, for the Justices of Assize, *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and Goal Delivery, to go the Circuit in the several Counties of this Province, is so near, that it will be very difficult, if not impracticable, to prepare the Commissions for the Justices aforesaid, the Transcripts of the Records of the Proceedings, Pleadings and Issues in the several Causes for Tryal, and the Summons, and other previous Requisites, necessary for the Tryal of such Causes, in Time, according to the Directions of the said Act: *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That the Justices of Assize, *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and Goal Delivery, appointed according to the Directions of the said Act, and the Secretary, Clerks, Attorneys, Sheriffs, and all other Officers, shall be and are hereby exempted and excused, from all or any Fines, Forfeitures, Punishments or Penalties, by the aforesaid Act hereby revived, or by this Act imposed, for any Failure, Neglect, or Omission, in going the Circuit in *September* next, or for any other Matter or Thing required to be done by them, or any of them, in their several and respective Offices, by this Act or the Act hereby Revived, relating thereunto. And that it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Provincial Court, to be held in *October* next, (if to them it shall seem meet) to continue any Action or Actions appointed to be tried in any County of this Province, and which cannot be tried before the Justices of the Circuit in *September* next, until the Provincial Court which shall be held in *May* next ensuing; any thing in this Act, or in the Act hereby revived, or in an Act of Assembly, entituled, *an Act to limit the Continuance of Actions in several Courts within this Province, and ascertaining the Manner of taking the Evidence of Seafaring Men, and for granting Appeals from the Chancery Court to the Governor and Council,* or any other Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Sign'd per Order, J. Rol's, Cl. Up. Ho.

John Rousby, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *a Supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, an Act for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coins, &c.* and the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, 31 August, 1731.

Gentlemen,

The Bill, entituled, *a supplementary Act to the Act entituled, an Act for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coins, &c.* will not pass this House, but according to the Limitation of the Current Price of Spread-Eagle Dollars at 4 s. each, as proposed by our Message of this Day, by *John Wall, Esq;*

Sign'd per Order, J. Rol's, Cl. Up. Ho.

The said Bill was read here, and with the Amendments proposed by the Upper House, passed for Ingrossing.

Major *King*, from the Committee appointed to Report what Reparations were necessary to be made to the *Stadt-house*, brought in the following Report, *viz.*

The Committee appointed to view the Cupola of the *Stadt-house*, report as follows: That they find several Repairs necessary for the Preservation thereof.

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