

of A Speedy way of determining the same many great charges and inconveniencies have and may happen thereupon by the said controversyes being brought from the remotest partes of this province to be heard and determined before the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council to the Very great trouble of the persons concerned and the publick charge which to prevent and to give A Speedy redress in all such matters.

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Be it Enacted by the Kings most Ex<sup>t</sup> Maj<sup>ty</sup> by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly and the Authority of the same that the persons in this Act hereafter mentioned and Appointed be and are hereby Authorized and impowered to heare and determine all manner of Controversyes and Differences whatsoever That shall or may hereafter happen or grow between the English and Indians in private or personall Controversys not Exceeding the Vallue of Twenty Shillings Sterling (That is to say) The Choptico Indians and the English in St. Mary's County and the parts Adjacent Ralph Foster and James Swann and for the Accokick Piscattaway and Paymonkey Indians and the English in Charles and Prince Georges County and the parts Adjacent Coll Jn<sup>o</sup> Addison M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hatton and Major James Smallwood and for the Susquehannahs Shavannalls and Delaware Indians and others in those frontiers Coll Jn<sup>o</sup> Thompson and M<sup>r</sup> Edward Blay And for the Nanticoke Abapcoes and Haewop Indians and the English in Dorchester County and partes Adjacent Leiv<sup>t</sup> Coll Thom<sup>s</sup> Ennalls and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hicks and for the Monokins Rokohankins and Monte Indians and the English in Somersett County and partes Adjacent Coll W<sup>m</sup> Whittington and M<sup>r</sup> Levin Denwood Sen<sup>r</sup> And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all and every the persons in this Act before mentioned be and are hereby Authorized and Empowered upon hearing or determining any such difference or Controversy as Aforesaid and Judgment thereupon Given either party refusing to performe the same then and in every such case the person or persons so empowered shall by way of distress take into his Custody the goods and Chattells of the Offender and out of the same make full satisfaction to the party Wronged att the discretion of the persons soe Authorized and by this Act Empowered and the Overplus to returne to the owners thereof

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority Afores<sup>d</sup> that if any such difference shall happen between the English & the Indians in this Province where particular persons are not herein nominated and appointed to heare and determine the same as aforesaid that then and in every such case the next Justice of Peace is hereby Empowered to heare and determine the said differences According to the rules & methods herein p<sup>r</sup>scribed.