

Lib. L. L. Intents Constructions and purposes whatsoever. Anything in
No. 64. this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

September 21: 1704.	September 21 st 1704
Read and Assented to by the house of Delegates W Taylard Clk h Del.	Read and assented to by her Majestys hon ^{ble} Council. W Bladen Cl. Concill

Maryland October 3^d 1704

On the behalf of her Ma^{ty} &c I will this be a Law
Jn^o Seymour

An Act for the Speedy tryall of Criminalls and ascertaining their punishments in the County Courts when prosecuted there.

Whereas many Acts of Assembly have been heretofore made against Thieving and Stealing which at this present are not Sufficient to prevent the Comitting those Crimes or to punish them when Comitted.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the severall Justices of the County Courts of this Province to hold plea of adjudge and in lawfull Manner determine all thieving and Stealing of any goods or Chattells whatsoever not being above the value of one thousand pounds of Tobacco (Robbery Burglary and house breaking excepted) and every person or persons legally convicted of any such thieving and stealing (Except before excepted) by Testimony of one or more sufficient Evidence not being the party Grieved before any such County Court as aforesaid shall and may cause to be punished by paying fourfold of the value of the goods so theived or stolen as aforesaid to the party or partys greived thereby and by putting in the pillory and whipping so many stripes as the Court before whom such Matter is tryed shall adjudge (not exceeding forty) Which Court shall allways adjudge the value of the goods so theived and Stolen as aforesaid And if any such person so convicted have not sufficient goods and Chattells or be a servant whereby he is incapable to have goods & Chattells to Satisfy and pay the said ffourfold in every such Case such person or persons shall receive the Corporall punishment as aforesaid and Satisfy the ffourfold and ffees of Conviction by servitude.