

Quality soever, that have been, or by Law might be tried in the Provincial Court, shall be heard, tried, and determined by the said Justices in the several Counties where they shall be committed, and not elsewhere, as fully and amply as the said Offences, or any of them, might have been tried, heard, and determined by the Provincial Court, or any Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, and Goal-Delivery, according to the Laws of *England* and this Province. *Provided always*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to divest the County-Courts of any Jurisdiction they have, and that they may hear and determine all Matters and Things within their Cognizances, as they have heretofore done; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it Enacted, That Two of the Provincial Justices to be appointed as aforesaid, on the Western Shore, or One of them, in case of the other's Sickness or Inability, shall meet and hold their Courts, at *Baltimore* County Court-House, the Monday before the first Tuesday in *April* and *September* Yearly; at *Annapolis*, for *Anne-Arundel* County, the Fridays after the said first Tuesdays; at *Calvert* County Court-House, the Friday after the second Tuesdays of the said Months; at *St. Mary's* County Court-House, the Wednesdays after the third Tuesdays in the said Months; at *Charles* County Court-House, the Mondays after the said third Tuesdays in the said Months; and at *Prince George's* County Court-House, the Mondays following. And that Two of the Provincial Justices on the Eastern Shore, to be appointed as aforesaid, or One of them, in case the other should be sick, or incapable to attend, shall meet and hold their Courts, at *Somerset* County Court-House, the first Tuesdays of said Months Yearly; at *Dorchester* County Court-House, the first Mondays after; at *Talbot* County Court-House, the Thursdays after the second Tuesdays; at *Queen Anne's* County Court-House, the Wednesdays after the third Tuesdays; at *Kent* County Court-House, the Mondays after the third Tuesdays in the same Months; and at *Cæcil* County Court-House, the Fridays following; to hear, determine, and dispatch such Business as shall be before them.

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And be it Enacted, That in all Actions now depending in the Provincial Court, where the general Issue, or other general Plea, tending to an Issue on the Country, is pleaded, the Issues shall be made up and completed by the Twentieth Day of *February* next; and that all Declarations in Actions to be commenced in the Provincial Court, shall be filed with the Clerk, within Thirty Days after every Appearance Court, and the Issue made up where the general Issue, or other general Plea, tending to an Issue on the Country shall be pleaded, shall be made up within Thirty Days after the Filing the Declaration; but where special Pleadings are necessary, the Court, upon Motion, may grant such Time as may be thought reasonable; and that the Plaintiff, in every Cause to be tried before the said Justices, shall give the Defendant or his Attorney Notice, Fourteen

Declarations
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