

may be an obstruction to Justice in the said several Causes, without Session Laws the aid of the Legislature;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Chief Justice of the said County Court, the Sheriff of the said County, and the several Attorneys practising in the same, shall, and they are hereby directed and required to deliver up to the aforesaid Edmund Porteus, Clerk of the said County, their several and respective Docketts for the aforesaid Courts of June, August and November last, by the said Clerk, or his sworn Deputy, made out and delivered to them respectively, for their respective uses, at the said several County Courts.

The Chief Justice, &c. of Charles County to deliver the Clerk their Docketts

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And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Clerk shall and may in all such Proceedings and Causes, whether Criminal or Civil, as shall appear from any or either of such Docketts, where no Execution hath been issued therein, and where Execution hath been issued therein, then from such Execution to have been at either of the said County Courts finished and brought to Judgment, or other end or determination, make out and enter up among the Records of the said County, a minute, abstract or abridgment of such Proceedings so determined in such manner, and with such Judgment, End, or other Determination, as shall from the major Part of the said Docketts, and the Justices, Sheriff's and Attorneys Minutes and Entries thereon, and from such Executions as are already issued, or such Judgments, Ends, or other Determinations respectively (always giving the preference to such Executions already issued in such points as shall respectively appear upon the same) appear to have been the Judgment, End, or other Determinations, of such Cases respectively.

Directions to the Clerk of Charles County in the making up the Records

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every the Executions, and other judicial Process, whether grounded upon any Judgment or Determination made or obtained in any of the said Three Courts, or in any former Court, and which Execution or other judicial Process has been returnable and returned to either of the said Three Courts, and all and every of the Acts and Proceedings of the Justices, the Sheriff, or the Clerk, of the said County, in either of the said Three Courts, by virtue and in pursuance of such Executions or other judicial Process, shall be ascertained, entered and made up in like manner.

In difficult Cases the Justices to advise

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That in case of any uncertainty or other difficulty to the said Clerk, in the making such abstract, minute, or abridgment, he shall, and is hereby required and directed to, apply to the Justices of the said County at any future sitting in Court, for their assistance and direction therein, and they are hereby required and authorized to give the same.