

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for the Continuance of Procefs in *Cæcil County March* Court, and to cure some Defects that may have happened in the Proceedings of the feveral County Courts of this Province: And for the explaining an Act of Affembly, entitled, * An Act * 1715,cb.14. appointing certain Days, on which the feveral and refpective County Courts within this Province are to be held. *Lib. H.S. fol. 253.*

Passed 22^d May 1756.

N. B. The first Five Sections of this Act (relating only to the Continuance of Procefs in *Cæcil County*, notwithstanding the Difcontinuance of the faid Court, occafioned by the Severity of the Weather, fo that a fufficient Number of Juftices could not meet on the 12th *March* to hold a Court according to Adjournment) are of no farther Ufe. The remaining Sections are as follow.

VI. **A**ND whereas by an Act of Affembly made at a Seflion of Affembly, begun and held at *Annapolis*, on the Twenty-fixth Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Fifteen, entitled, *An Act for appointing certain Days on which the feveral and refpective County Courts within this Province are to be held*, it is, amongst other Things, Enacted, That any Two Juftices of the feveral and refpective County Courts, one to be of the Quorum, fhould have full Power and Authority, when and as often as Need fhould require, to Adjourn the faid County Courts, Procefs, and Proceedings therein depending, to fuch fhort Time after as they fhould fee convenient: And whereas some Doubts have arifen, Whether by Virtue of the faid Act, the Two Juftices aforefaid (one of the Quorum) have Power to Adjourn a County Court to the Court in Courfe; as alfo, Whether by Virtue of that Act, the Two Juftices (one of the Quorum) have Power to call a County Court; and whether feveral County Courts may not, by one or both of the Means aforefaid, have been difcontinued, and the Procefs and Proceedings therein ended and finished, and fuch as were then undetermined, may not have been thereby rendered null and void; To remove which feveral Doubts for the future;

Doubts on the Conftitution of the Act of 1715, cb. 14.

VII. **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Confent aforefaid, That it fhall and may be lawful to and for any Two Juftices of every County, one of them to be of the Quorum, in Cafe of Neceffity, to prevent the Difcontinuance of their refpective County Courts, and for no other End or Purpose whatfoever, to Call fuch County Court on the Day to which the fame fhall have been Adjourned, and alfo for the like Neceffity, and for the fame Reason, and no other, to Adjourn any County Court to any future Time not fubfequent to the Day by the above mentioned Act appointed for the Meeting of the Court in Courfe. **Provided always**, That no Buifnefs or Proceedings whatfoever, relative to fuch County Court, other than the Calling or Adjourning as aforefaid, fhall be had, done, or tranfacted, in or by any Court fo as aforefaid by Two Magiftrates called, unlefs, after the Meeting at fuch Court of fuch Number of Magiftrates, and fo qualified, as fhall be by the Comiffions of the Peace for each County refpectively directed.

Two County Juftices, one being of the Quorum, may (in cafe of Neceffity) call or adjourn the County Court, on the Day to which it hath been adjourned. But not tranfact any other Buifnefs.

VIII. **And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforefaid, That all and every County Court, and all Procefs and Proceedings whatfoever therein refpectively had and tranfacted, which may, at any Time heretofore have been Difcontinued, by either a Mifcalling or Mifadjourning, or a defective Calling or Adjourning, as aforefaid, and which have, notwithstanding fuch a Difcontinuance, proceeded to the tranfaction of Buifnefs, and hearing and determining of Suits, Indictments, or other Profecutions or Procefs whatfoever, that in all fuch Cafes the Judgments and other Decifions, Buifnefs, Profecutions, Procefs, and other Proceedings, done and tranfacted by fuch Courts refpectively, fhall be, and they are hereby declared to ftand and be, to all Intents, Conftitutions, and Purpofes, as good, valid, and effectual, as if

All former Proceedings of County Courts made valid, notwithstanding Difcontinuance by Mifcalling, &c. under the former Act.