

“ affirmed, as well the Debt, Damage, and Cost, adjudged by the Justice
 “ from whose Judgment such Appeal shall be made, as also all Cost and Da-
 “ mage that shall be awarded by the Court before whom such Appeal shall
 “ be heard, tried, and determined, then the said Bond to be and remain in
 “ full Force and Virtue, otherwise to be of none Effect.”

C H A P.
XXI.

X. This Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Duration.
 Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three
 Years.

C H A P. XXII.

*A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, * An Act for Emitting and making* Passed 21st
 Current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of *Maryland*, in Bills of Nov. 1763.
 Credit. *Lib: H.S. fol. 512. OBS.* * 1733, ch. 6.

N. B. By this Act, the several Naval Officers were directed to pay into the Hands of the
 Commissioners of the Loan Office, before the 6th October 1764, good Bills of Exchange upon
London, payable at Thirty Days Sight, for the Amount of the Duty of 15*d.* per Hogshead,
 which they shou'd respectively receive for Tobacco exported after the 1st December 1763, instead
 of remitting such Bills to the Trustees in *London*, pursuant to the Original Act. And the said
 Commissioners were directed and impowered to receive the same, and enter them in their Books,
 to the Credit of the Province of *Maryland*: Which Bills so received, to be the first Bills of Ex-
 change by them paid away, to those who shou'd bring in Bills of Credit, to be sunk at the End
 of the last Sixteen Years; and the Delivery thereof by them, to be a Payment and Discharge of
 such Bills of Credit, as fully and amply as Bills drawn by the said Commissioners, upon the
 Trustees in *England*, according to the Directions of the Original Act.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT for the Advancement of Justice. *Lib. H.S. fol. 513.* Passed 21st
 Nov. 1763.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the several Laws heretofore made for
 the Advancement of Justice, Amendment of the Law, and Aiding
 and Supplying several Defects in Judicial Proceedings, great De-
 lay, Trouble and Expences, have been, and still are, occasioned by Demur-
 rers, Arresting and Reversing of Judgments, and Staying Executions by Writs
 of Error and Appeal, there being yet no sufficient Provision made for the aid-
 ing such Omissions, Errors and Imperfections, as are usually taken Advan-
 tage of by special Demurrers, and also for aiding such Defects in the Entries
 of Clerks, as are frequently taken Advantage of, on the Prosecuting Writs of
 Error, or Appeals, as well as divers other Advantages of other Defects, or
 pretended Defects, or Errors, which only serve to Prevent, or Divert the Ex-
 amination of, and giving Judgment on, the very Right of the Cause: For
 Remedy whereof,

Preamble.

II. Be it 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 in all Actions to be
 commenced after this Session of Assembly, the Justices of the several Courts
 of Law within this Province, shall Proceed, and give Judgment, according
 as the very Right of the Cause, and Matter in Law, shall appear to them,
 without regarding any such Omission, Defects, Advantages, or Pretences as
 aforesaid, so as sufficient Matter shall appear in the Proceedings, upon which
 the Court may proceed to give Judgment, according to the very Right of
 the Cause and Matter in Law, and that it shall appear that the Action shall
 be commenced after the Cause thereof shall accrue, and that no such Judg-
 ment shall be reversed or set aside, or Execution thereon delayed, for or by
 reason of any such Imperfection, Omission or Defect; any Law, Usage, or
 Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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III. Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That
 nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Writ,
 Declaration, or Suit of Appeal of Felony, or Murder, or to any Indictment,
 or Presentment of Treason, Felony, or Murder, or other Matter, or to any
 Process upon any of them, or to any Writ, Bill, Action, or Information,
 upon any Penal Statute.

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