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SEC. 2. *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 it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever within this province, to order out process in their own proper names, without any titling from an attorney for the same, and the several and respective clerks of the several offices of the provincial and county courts of this province are hereby obliged, upon application to them made by any person or persons as aforesaid, to issue such writs as shall be by them demanded, the party or parties suing out the same, if non-residents within this province, securing to the secretary, or the clerks of the several county courts, and all other officers, their lawful fees; and that any person or persons whatsoever that shall hereafter be sued or impleaded in the provincial court, or any of the county courts within this province, shall and may, in his or their own proper persons, come into court, and after special bail by him or them given, if adjudged so to do, to appear and imparle till next court, or to confess judgment, to any action or actions, in any of the courts aforesaid, commenced against him, her or them, any law, statute or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

MAY, 1717.—CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT for punishment of such as shall counterfeit the Lord Proprietary's greater or lesser seal at arms within this province.

Merged in 1809, ch. 138.

CHAPTER 13.

A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the act relating to Servants and Slaves.

See 1715, ch. 44, for various supplements.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it may be of very dangerous consequence to admit and allow as evidences in law, in any of the courts of record, or before any magistrate within this province, any negro or mulatto slave, or free negro, or mulatto born of a white woman, during their servitude appointed by law, or any Indian slave, or free Indian native of this or the neighbouring provinces;

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SEC. 2. *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 by the authority of the same,* That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, no negro or mulatto slave, free negro, or mulatto born of a white woman, during his time of servitude by law, or any Indian slave, or free Indian natives, of this or the neighbouring provinces, be admitted and received as good and valid evidence in law, in