

IX. And be it enacted, That the judges of the court of appeals, or any three or more of them, shall hold their first court at the city of Annapolis on the first Tuesday in October next, and on the first Tuesday in May and October for ever thereafter; and that the judges of the general court, or any one of them, shall hold their first court for transacting and determining the business of the eastern shore at Talbot court-house in Talbot county on the second Tuesday of September next, and on the second Tuesday of April and September, until a town shall be laid out at Dover, and a court-house and prison there erected, after which the said court for the eastern shore shall for ever be held at Dover on the second Tuesdays of April and September; and that the judges aforesaid, or any one or more of them, shall hold their first court for transacting the business of the western shore, at the city of Annapolis, on the second Tuesday of October next, and on the second Tuesday of May and October for ever after; and that the justices of the several county courts, under the present form of government, or any three or more of them, hold their respective courts on the days heretofore directed by acts of assembly.

C H A P.
XV.
When the
courts are to
be held.

X. And be it enacted, That seven jurors from each county, three of whom shall be of the grand jury, and four for the petit jury, be summoned by the sheriffs of each county on the eastern shore to attend the general court for that shore; and that the same number of jurors be summoned by each sheriff of the western shore to attend the general court to be held for that shore; and the several sheriffs of this state shall summon for such jurors freemen of their respective counties, of the most wisdom and experience, and having a freehold of fifty acres of land in his county, or property in the state above the value of three hundred pounds current money, and no challenge shall be allowed to any person for the want of freehold, and in summoning such jurors shall observe the same rules as by law the sheriffs were heretofore bound to observe in summoning jurors to the provincial court.

Seven jurors
from each
county to be
summoned
for the gene-
ral court.

XI. And be it enacted, That any justice of the peace of the county where the debtor resides, may, on application, grant licence for the bringing of any suit before the first day of July next, in such cases and in the same manner as any committee could have done under the resolve of convention of the twenty-sixth day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and may in his discretion grant warrant for the recovery of any debt within his jurisdiction; and any two justices of the peace shall be invested, until the first day of July next with the same power, and may act in all cases, intrusted by a resolve of the seventh of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, to any committee.

Justice may
grant licence
for bringing
suits, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases.

The power herein given was to exist only during the war, and the act has not since been continued. The said courts were to sit wherever the governor should be pleased to appoint, for the trial of high treason, insurrections, or any high and dangerous misdemeanors; provided, that any person charged with one of these offences, should be tried on the shore where it should be alleged to have been committed.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT concerning duties.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That no duties imposed by act of assembly on any article or thing imported into or exported out of this state (except duties imposed on the importation of negroes), shall be taken or received within two years from the end of the present session of the general assembly.

No duties to
be taken for
two years,
&c.