

from and after the end of this present Sessions of Assembly any Person or Persons whatsoever that shall presume to Counterfeit the Great Seal of this Province, for the time being, or the Sign Manual or Seal at Arms of the Lord Proprietary of this Province, or any other the publick Seals of this Province, and shall within this Province make use of any such Counterfeit Seal or Sign Manual of the said Lord Proprietary, or his Heirs, or any other the Publick Seals of this Province, or shall steal away any of the said true Seals, or without Lawful Warrant or Authority shall falsely or corruptly, or with evil Intent affix any of them to any Deed, Warrant or Writing, and shall afterwards within this Province publish or make any Use of any such Deed, Warrant or Writing, as if such respective Seals had been affixed thereunto by such lawful Warrants and authority, as aforesaid, shall forfeit to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and his Heirs, all his Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements whereof such Offender shall be possess'd at the time of committing the same Offence, the one half thereof to be applied towards the Support of a Publick-School within the County where the Offence shall be committed, the other half to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same, and shall be whipped with *Thirty Nine Lashes* on his bare Back, *stand in the Pillory two whole Hours*, and be Banished the Province forever.

The Penalty,

### An Act for the Adjournment of *Talbot* and *Baltimore* County Courts.

**W**Hereas sundry of the Justices of the *Quorum* of *Talbot* and *Baltimore* County Courts are Members of the Lower House of Assembly; and whereas the aforesaid County Courts are appointed by Law to be holden the first *Tuesday* of *June* Instant, so that either such Justices must leave the said House and Service of their Country, or that such County Courts must fall for want of their Attendance, unless Provided by Law,

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That in Case there shall not appear or have not appeared a sufficient Number of Justices at the Time and Place appointed for the holding the aforesaid two County Courts, and to adjourn them regularly and legally, according to the Tenour of their Commissions, and the Act of Assembly of this Province in that Case made and provided, That then and in such Case the aforesaid County Court of *Baltimore* is and stands hereby adjourned from the appointed Day in *June*, until such a Day in *August* following as such Court ought to have been adjourned to, and that the said County Court of *Talbot* be and stands hereby adjourned until the last *Tuesday* in *July* next, any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.