

An ACT for the Continuance of the Process

within this Province, on the Change of the Government from the Crown, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary; and for the Adjournment of several County-Courts, from August, Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen.

WHEREAS before his Majesty was graciously pleased to restore to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, the Government thereof, all Writs, Precepts, Process and Judicial Proceedings whatsoever, and all Courts of Judicature held within this Province, were in his Majesty's Name and Stile, or in the Name or Stile, of her late Majesty Queen *ANNE*, of Blessed Memory, which since the Restoration thereof to his Lordship, have been in his Lordship's Name and Stile; and for that it is the Intent of this present General Assembly, that no Disappointment or other Inconvenience should arise to any Suitors by Pretence of any Discontinuance, or other Error, or cause of Exception by Means or Occasion of the aforesaid Change of Government, It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

And be it 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 Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That all Pleas, Suits or other Prosecutions or Proceedings whatsoever, in any Court of Judicature within this Province, that were commenced or depending before the Government of this Province was restored to his Lordship, and remained undetermined, until and after the same Government was restored as aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby as effectually continued, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, as if no such Alteration or Change of Government had ever happened; any Defect or Error in such Proceedings by being in his present Majesty's or her late Majesty's Names and Stile, when they ought to have been in his Lordship's Name, any Want of Authority in such Courts, or other Error or Defect occasioned by the said Change of the Government only, or any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That the Proceedings of the several Courts of Judicature within this Province, until this Time, be and are hereby confirmed, so that no Advantage shall be taken of any Want of Authority, Defect or Error on such Proceedings, occasioned by such Change of the Government only, but that all such Defects and Errors be and are hereby perfectly aided, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And forasmuch as sundry the Justices of the *Quorum* in several of the Counties of this Province, are Members of the Lower-House of Assembly, and whereas the several County-courts of this Province are appointed to be holden in the Month of *August*, 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 against by a Law.

County
Courts aided
in Adjourn-
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