

Justices of  
Assize, to be  
appointed by  
the Governour,

Who shall  
try all Mat-  
ters of Fact,  
&c. in the  
Counties  
where they  
arise.

Treasons  
Murthers, &c.  
to be try'd,  
by them.

This Act  
not to divest  
the County-  
Courts of  
their Juris-  
diction.

Fix'd Days  
of Assize for  
the Western  
Shore.

For the  
Eastern Shore.

be Justices of Assize, *Nisi Prius*, and Justices of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal-Delivery; and that the said Two Justices, or either of them, (in case of Sickness, or other Inability) shall and may, at the respective Times in this Act mentioned, together with such of the Justices of the Peace as they shall think fit to associate with them in the several Counties, not exceeding Three in any County, hear and try all Matters of Fact in all Actions, real, personal and mixt, and all Actions popular, for the Breach of any Law, that is now depending, or that shall be commenc'd in the Provincial Court, in the several Counties where the Facts have arisen or shall arise, and not elsewhere, except in any special Case where it shall appear that Justice cannot in all Probability be so equally administered to the Parties, as if the Tryal should be appointed in some other Place, as fully and amply as any Justices of Assize, and *Nisi Prius* in *England* used, or by Law ought or may try, hear and determine.

And that all Treasons, Murthers, Felonies, and other Crimes, Offences and Misdemeanours of what Nature or Quality soever, that have been or by Law might be tryed in the Provincial Court, shall be heard and tryed, and determined by the said Justices in the several Counties where they shall be committed, as fully and amply as the said Offences, or any of them might have been tryed, heard and determined by the Provincial Court, or any Court of Oyer and Terminer and Goal-Delivery, according to the Laws of *England*, and this Province.

*Provided always*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to divest the County-Courts of any Jurisdiction they have, and that they may hear and determine all Matters and Things within their Cognizances as they have heretofore done: Any Thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*And be it Enacted*, That Two of the Provincial Justices to be appointed as aforesaid, on the *Western Shoar*, or One of them in case of the others Sickness or Inability, together with such of the Justices of the Peace as they shall think fit to associate with them, not exceeding Three, shall meet and hold their Courts. At *Baltimore County Court-House*, the First *Tuesday* in *April* and *September* Yearly. At *Annapolis*, for *Ann Arundel County*, the *Mondays* after the said First *Tuesday*. At *Calvert County Court-House*, the *Fridays* after the Second *Tuesdays* of the said Months. At *St. Mary's County Court-House*, the *Wednesdays* after the Third *Tuesdays* in the said Months. At *Charles County Court-House*, the *Mondays* after the Third *Tuesdays* in the said Months; and at *Prince George's County Court-House* the *Fridays* following. And that Two of the Provincial Justices on the *Eastern Shoar*, to be appointed as aforesaid, or One of them in case the other should be Sick or incapable to attend, together with such of the Justices of the Peace as they shall think fit to associate with them, not exceeding Three, shall meet and hold their Courts. At *Somerset County Court-House*, the First *Tuesdays* of the said Months Yearly. At *Dorchester County Court-House*, the First *Mondays* after. In *Talbot County*, the *Fridays* after the Second *Tuesdays*. At *Queen-Ann's County Court-House*, the *Wednesdays* after the Third *Tuesdays*. In *Kent County*, the *Mondays* after the Third *Tuesdays* in the same Months; and at *Cecil County Court-House* the *Fridays* following, to hear, determine and dispatch such Business as shall be before them.

*And be it Enacted*, That in all Actions now depending in the Provincial Court where the General Issue or other General Plea tending  
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