

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

schools, &c. or to forfeit the donation therein made. *Ibid.* ch. 107.

The trustees of the academy at Easton, in Talbot county, directed to report their proceedings, &c. on or before the 28th of November in each year, to the general assembly. 1799, ch. 56, § 10.

The state's agent directed to lay an account of his transactions before the general assembly. *Ibid.* ch. 80, § 8, 11, 20, 21.

The treasurer directed to report the money received from the agent to the general assembly. *Ibid.* § 19.

## GENERAL COURT.

Three persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law to be appointed judges of the court, then called the Provincial Court, the same to be called the General Court, and to sit on the western and eastern shores at such times and places as the future legislature should direct and appoint. Const. 56.

The judges to hold their commissions during good behaviour, removeable only for misbehaviour in a court of law. *Ibid.* 40.

Oaths to be taken by the judges. *Ibid.* 50, 52, 55, February, 1777, ch. 5, § 1.

Form of the commission, by which every one or more of them are assigned judges of the general court. February, 1777, ch. 5, § 1.

The judges of the general court, or any one of them, directed to hold their first court on the eastern shore at Talbot court-house, till a court-house should be built at Dover, on the second Tuesday of September then next, and on the second Tuesdays of April and September yearly, and on the western shore at Annapolis, on the second Tuesday of October then next, and on the second Tuesday in May and October yearly. *Ibid.* ch. 15, § 9.

The part of the above act respecting the building a court-house at Dover repealed, and the court for the eastern shore to be held at Talbot, to be called Easton. November, 1788, ch. 16.

A court-house to be built at Easton, and the public ground therefor vested in the justices of Talbot county court, and in the judges of the general court, for the mutual accommodation of their courts. 1789, ch. 36.

The judges of the general court may appoint their clerks, and in case of vacancy during the vacation, the governor and council may appoint and commission a person to hold the office till the meeting of the court. Const. 47.

The judges of the general court, or one of them, directed to appoint a clerk, who was to provide repositories for the public records. October, 1777, ch. 19.

Every law shall be recorded in the general court office of the western shore. Const. 60.

Directions respecting the stay of execution by appeal or writ of error. 1713, ch. 4.

For taking bail in court. 1715, ch. 28, § 2, 3.

For taking bail in the counties, and returning the recognizance. *Ibid.* § 4, 6.

Form of the recognizance prescribed. October, 1778, ch. 21, § 4.

The judges to make rules and orders for justifying bail, and making the same absolute, so as not to compel them to appear in person. 1715, ch. 28, § 5.

Twenty days notice to be given to jurors summoned to the general court. *Ibid.* ch. 37, § 1.

The judges empowered to make rules and orders for governing and regulating their courts, and the officers and suitors thereof, and to fine them, not exceeding 1000 lbs. tobacco. *Ibid.* ch. 41, § 2.

## GENERAL COURT.

Conveyances may be acknowledged in the general court, or before a judge thereof. 1745, ch. 47, § 8, 9, November, 1766, ch. 14, § 2, 4.

Deeds acknowledged before a judge of the general court, or two justices of the county where the lands lie, may be recorded in the said county, or in the records of the general court. 1785, ch. 9, § 4, 5.

Deeds which had been so enrolled made valid. *Ibid.* § 2, 3.

Deeds enrolled therein may, on application, be transmitted, with a certificate annexed, signed by the clerk, and under the seal of the said court, of such enrolment, to the clerk of the county where the lands lie, to be enrolled; with the said certificate, in the records of the county. *Ibid.* § 6.

Deeds enrolled in the county courts may be transmitted in like manner to the clerk of the general court, and enrolled, &c. *Ibid.*

Transcripts or record entries of deeds to be transmitted from the clerks of counties to the clerk of the general court, to be there recorded and kept among the papers, to be used in evidence in the manner therein mentioned. *Ibid.* § 7.

See EVIDENCE.

Criminal process not to issue from the general court without a presentment, unless by the special order thereof, or of an attorney therein. 1715, ch. 48, § 1, 3.

Attorney's fee in the general court 400 lbs. tobacco. *Ibid.* § 7.

No attorney to practise the law without being admitted by the judges, who may admit and suspend them. *Ibid.* § 12.

Power of the court respecting the demeanor of attorneys, and others, before them. 1719, ch. 4, § 2, 4.

Directions respecting bonds to be given by the clerks. 1716, ch. 1, § 3, 4, 5, 1742, ch. 10, § 6, 7.

Any person sued in the general court may, on giving bail, (if adjudged,) appear in person and imparle, or confess judgment. 1716, ch. 20.

Persons cast in the general court to be amerced 50 lbs. tobacco. 1722, ch. 12, § 1, 2.

A judge of the general court may take the acknowledgment of sales or mortgages of goods or chattels, where the vendor remains in possession. 1729, ch. 8, § 5.

The same as to gifts of slaves, of which the donor retains the use and possession. 1763, ch. 13, § 2.

Manner of obtaining a speedy trial in the general court. *Ibid.* ch. 23, § 4.

The general court may issue commissions for taking depositions. November, 1773, ch. 7, § 7.

The general court empowered to hear and determine the validity of any marriage, and to declare any marriage contrary to the table in this act, or any second marriage, the first subsisting, null and void. February, 1777, ch. 12, § 15.

Manner of appealing from such determination. *Ibid.* ch. 15, § 7.

Directions for summoning jurors to the general court. *Ibid.* April, 1782, ch. 40.

As to the recovery of public debts. March, 1778, ch. 9.

As to the time of issuing executions. October, 1778, ch. 21, § 7.

Respecting awards. *Ibid.* § 8, 9, 10, 12.

Respecting the issuing *procedendo* on writs of *habeas corpus*. *Ibid.* § 14.

Respecting bills of exception. *Ibid.* § 14.

The allowance of a judge of the general court not necessary to any writ of *certiorari* or *habeas corpus*. July, 1779, ch. 4.

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