

An Act For the authority of Justice of the Peace
Beit Enacted By the Lord Proprietary of this
Province of and with the advice and approbation
of the freemen of the same That these offences fol-
lowing in this Act may be heard and determined
by the Lieutenant Generall for the time being or
by any one of the Councell or by any one having
Commission for the peace under the great Seal of
this Province and the offender may be convic-
ted by the view or hearing of the Judge or confession
of the Offender or Evidence of the fact or by the testi-
mony of one Witness To which purpose every of
the said Judges aforesaid shall have power by
virtue of this Act to grant a warrant or warrants
to the Sherif high Constable or tithing man for
the appearing of any partie or parties offending or
complained of as offenders and to administer an
oath to any witness or witnesses and to commit any
offender to prison till he submitt himself to good
order or find Security for his good abearance
and to take and demand recognisances to that
purpose and to keep a Record of all fines and Sen-
tences given in that behalf and to certify the
same to his Lordships receiver Generall or to the
Register of the County Court (who shall thereupon
award execution for the Levying of the same) and
to award precepts and take recognisances for the
peace and to doe use and exercise all or any
other the same or the like powers and jurisdic-
tions within this Province and the limits of his
Commission (in crimes and offences against
the law of this Province) as any Justice of peace
in England useth or of right may or ought to use
by Vertue of his Commission for the peace
That is to say menacing of another to doe him
harm in person or goods and the offender shall
be imprisoned untill he find Sureties for the
peace with drawing of ones Self out of an English
Plantation