

An Act For Judges

The Judge in all causes shall be such person or persons as are or shall be from time to time authorized therunto by Commission from or under the Lord Proprietarie or (in his absence from or under the Lawten^t generall, Except that in cases not limited in the rule or Sentence by any certain Law of the province Judgen^t shall be by the Lawten^t Generall & Councell of the province then present in Court or the major part of them (if it be in the provinciall Court) or by the Lawten^t generall of the province or Commander or Commis^{rs} of the County then present in Court or the major part of them (if it be in the County Court) and if the votes of the said Judges be equall that Sentence shall be entred w^{ch} is given by the chief Judge in Commis^o. Provided that no Judge exercise any act of Judicature before he have taken an oath to administer equall justice to all persons according to the laws of the province to the best of his Skill & power and to delay nor deny to no man right or Justice And in case of absence or infirmity of the chief Judge in Commis^o upon any of the Court days appointed by the law & in cases wherein the said chief Judge in Commis^o (other then the Lieutenant Generall) is interested as a party The next in Commis^o (being present in Court) shall supply his place during such his absence to all power and effects which the said ordinary Judge was authorized in unless some other be appointed by the Lieutenant Generall This Act to endure till the end of the next Assembly

An Act For Rule of Judicature

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