

An Act for Speedy Tryall of Criminalls and Acertaining their Punishment in the County Courts when prosecuted there.

Whereas many Acts of Assembly have been
before made against theiving and Stealing which at
this present are experienced ineffectual to prevent the
Committing those Crimes, nor sufficiently to punish them
when committed. Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings
most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of his
Present Great Assembly and the Authority of the same that
it shall and may be lawfull to and for the severall Justices of
the County Courts of this Province to hold pleas of a Judge and
in lawfull manner determine all theiving and Stealing of any
goods or Chattels of what nature or kind soever that are fit
for the necessary use Service or Support of Mankind not
being above the Value of One Thousand pounds of 1666.
Robbery Burglary and Housebreaking Excepted and every
Person or Person legally convicted of any such theiving and
Stealing (except before Excepted) by the Testimony of one or more
Sufficient Witnesses not being the party Grieved before any such
County Court as aforesaid shall or may be caused to be punished by
paying four fold of the Value of the goods so theived and
Stolen to the party or party grieved thereby and by putting
in the prison and whipping so many Stripes as the Court
before whom such matter is tryed shall adjudge not exceeding
Forty.