

Discount of any Actions to be brought against any Debtor or Debtors by any Creditor
or Creditors in any Court within this Province
October the 30th 1724
Read and Consented to by the Lower House of Assembly and Signed Order
M. Jenifer Sec. Treas.

November the 11th 1724
On Behalf of the right honourable the Lord
Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law
Jas. Calvert Sec. Treas.

Read and Consented to by the upper
House of Assembly and Signed Order
Samuel Shippen Clk. House

No: 171

Supplementary Act to the Act Entitled
An Act for the tryall of all facts in the Counties where they have
arisen and shall arise the Continuance of Causes in the
Provinciall Court and adjournment of that Court

Be it Enacted by the right honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with
the advice and Consent of His Lordships Governor and the upper and lower
houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that the Justices of Assize these
Prives and Goal delivery shall in all Criminal and civil Cases to be tryed before
them where any person concerned shall desire the same allow and direct special
Verdicts to be found and in all Criminal Cases where the Party accused shall
desire the same to sign and allow Bills of Exceptions as they are usually allowed
in civil Actions and that in all Cases where special Verdicts are found and
Bills of Exceptions allowed that no judgement shall be given until the next
Provinciall Court to the Consideration of which Court it is to be referred any Law
Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding AND be it enacted that the
Sheriff of every County shall summon forty eight of the best and most reputable
Freeholders in his County except practising Physicians Chyrurgens and other
Persons Exempt by the Law heretofore made to attend at the Assizes and to
prevent any Application to such Jurors to prepossess or influence them in
giving their Verdict (it being inconsistent with the duty of a Jury man to
be influenced or to be influenced by such application) that they ever all Sheriffs at the
time of summoning Jurors shall not only do the same in the most private
manner they can but also not above twenty days before the Beginning of the Assizes
to which they are summoned to appear AND to the end that the Justices
of Assize these Prives Oyer and Terminer and Goal delivery may not be hindered
of Proceeding in the Decisions matters not determinable elsewhere (which
the time allowed by Law for their sitting is hardly sufficient to dispatch
in hearing petty offences tryable in the County Courts. Be it Enacted that all
Treasons Treasons and other civil Crimes tryable in the County Courts by the Law
now in being shall be heard and Determined by the County Courts and not elsewhere
except Riots and other offences to be committed in the View of the Justices of Oyer
and Terminer or during their sitting and the Crimes and Misdemeanours
where it shall appear to the Justices of the Provinciall Court or Justices of
Oyer and Terminer from the nature of the Offence or the Circumstances of the
Offence that a tryall at the Provinciall Court Be or before the Justices of
(Oyer)