

Offender by the said Justices, unless the same Judgment was directed and limited by Law; which has caused several Persons, for want of Security, to attend at, and abide the Judgment of the said Provincial Court, to remain in Prison, until the same Court was held, tho' they prayed immediate Judgment to be pronounced against them, to the great Expence of every such Offender: For Remedy whereof,

*BE IT ENACTED*, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or Goal Delivery, at any Assize hereafter to be held, may, at the Prayer of any Criminal hereafter to be convicted, give Judgment against any such Criminal, although the same Judgment is or shall not be directed and limited by Law; any thing in the same Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That each of the Justices of Assize, instead of the Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco limited by the said recited Act, shall be allowed Thirty Five Pounds Current Money, in the Levy; to be paid, as other Part of the Public and County Levies are, by Law, payable.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the same recited Act, and this present Act, shall be and continue in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years next ensuing, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That no Action or Actions now depending in the Provincial Court be discontinued, for or by Reason that such Action or Actions hath or have been continued longer than the several Acts of Assembly, limiting the Continuance of Actions, prescribe; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Provincial Court, to continue any Action or Actions now depending in the said Court, or which hath or have been already depending, longer than the Time limited for Continuance of Actions, or which cannot be conveniently tried within the Time now limited by Law, Two Courts longer than the Laws now in Being limit and appoint; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Justices of the County Courts within this Province, who already have adjourned the last *March* Court to any Time before *June* Court next; and who shall be hindered from proceeding to Business, either by the Continuance of this Session of Assembly, or Sitting of the superior Courts of Judicature; or who shall not be able to finish the Business before them, at the Times to which such Adjournments have been made, to continue any Cause or Causes in their said respective Courts until next *June* Court: And if Need be, to continue any Suit or Action now depending in any of their Courts, for Two Courts longer than the Number of Courts limited and prescribed by the Act, intituled, *An Act, to limit the Continuance of Actions in several Courts within this Province; and ascertaining the Manner of taking the Evidence of Seafaring Men; and for granting Appeals from the Chancery Court, to the Governor and Council*, in or by any other Act; any thing in the said recited Act, or any other Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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