

thousand seven hundred forty and nine, be and is hereby continued, and to be and remain in Force for and during the Term of three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

Continuance of this Act.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, " An Act continuing an Act entituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.* "

BE it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's President, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, *An Act continuing an Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer,* made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the eighth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty, be and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full Force until the first Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty-three.

An Act continued.

Continuance of this Act.

An Act for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted, for any Criminal Matter.

WHEREAS many indigent Persons, or Strangers, have been necessarily, for Want of Sureties to appear as Witnesses, committed to Prison, by Means whereof such Persons have been often sold as Servants for the Prison Fees arising upon such Commitment, or otherwise detained in Prison for such Fees, to their great Damage and Loss to the Public in the Labour of such Person or Persons:

Preamble!

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's President, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That where any Person, Witness against any Person or Persons accused of any Crime or Crimes within this Province, cannot find Security for his Appearance to testify as a Witness against any Person so arrested, accused, or prosecuted as aforesaid, and for Want of such Surety shall be committed to Prison, That then and in such Case, the County where the Prosecution shall be carried on, shall be chargeable with, and pay such Witness's Imprisonment Fees; and in case the Prosecution shall be in a Superior Court, then and in such Case the Public shall be chargeable with, and pay such Fees; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provision for Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance as Evidences.