

all Actions real, personal, and mixt, and all Actions popular, for the Breach of any Law, that is now depending, or that shall be commenced in the Provincial Court, in the several Counties where the Facts have arisen or shall arise, except in such Causes where it shall appear that Justice cannot, in all Probability, be so equally administered to the Parties as if Tryal should be appointed in some other Place, as fully and amply as any Justices of Assize and *Nisi prius* in *England* used, or by Law ought, or may try, hear, and determine; and that all Treasons, Murders, Felonies, and other Crimes, Offences, and Misdemeanours, of what Nature or Quality soever, that have been, or by Law might be tried in the Provincial Court, shall be heard, tried, and determined, by the said Justices in the several Counties where they shall be committed, as fully and amply as the said Offences, or any of them, might have been tried, heard, and determined, by the Provincial Court, or any Court of *Oyer and Terminer* and Goal Delivery, according to the Laws of *England*, and this Province.

III. *PROVIDED* always, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to divest the County-Courts of any Jurisdiction they have, and that they may hear and determine all Matters and Things within their Cognizance, as they have heretofore done; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Jurisdiction of the County Courts.

IV. *AND* be it Enacted, That Two of the Provincial Justices to be appointed as aforesaid, on the Western Shore, or One of them, in Case of the Other's Sickness or Inability, shall meet and hold their Courts, at *Baltimore* County Court-House, the First Tuesdays in *April* and *September* yearly; at *Annapolis*, for *Anne-Arundel* County, the Mondays after the said First Tuesdays; at *Calvert* County Court-House, the Mondays after the Second Tuesdays of the said Months; at *Saint Mary's* County Court-House, the Thursdays after the Third Tuesdays in the said Months; at *Charles* County Court-House, the Mondays after the Third Tuesdays in the said Months; at *Prince George's* County Court-House, the Thursdays after the Fourth Tuesdays in the said Months; and at *Frederick* County Court-House, the Wednesdays following. And that Two of the Provincial Justices, on the Eastern Shore, to be appointed as aforesaid, or One of them, in Case the Other should be sick, or incapable to attend, shall meet and hold their Courts, at *Worcester* County Court-House, on the Thursdays before the First Tuesdays, in the Months of *April* and *September* yearly; at *Somerset* County Court-House, the First Tuesdays of the said Months yearly; at *Dorchester* County Court-House, the First Mondays after; at *Talbot* County Court-House, the Thursdays after the Second Tuesdays; at *Queen-Anne's* County Court-House, the Wednesdays after the Third Tuesdays; at *Kent* County Court-House, the Mondays after the Third Tuesdays in the same Months; and at *Cecil* County Court-House, the Fridays following; to hear, determine, and dispatch, such Business as shall be before them.

Times and Places, when and where the Assizes are to be held.

V. *AND* be it further Enacted, That in all Actions now depending in the Provincial Court, where the General Issue, or other General Plea, tending to an Issue on the Country, is pleaded, the Issues shall be made up and completed by the Tenth Day of *January* next; and that all Declarations in Actions to be commenced in the Provincial Court, shall be filed with the Clerk, within Thirty Days after every Appearance Court, and the Issue made up where the General Issue, or other General Plea, tending to an Issue on the Country shall be pleaded, shall be made up within Thirty Days after the Filing the Declaration; but where special Pleadings are necessary, the Court, upon Motion, may grant such Time as may be thought reasonable; and that the Plaintiff, in every Cause to be tried before the said Justices, shall give the Defendant or his Attorney, Notice in Writing, Fourteen

Declarations to be filed in Thirty Days after Appearance Court.

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