

An Act for the Continuance of Causes standing for Trial in the Provincial Court.

WHEREAS several of the Attornies of the Provincial Court are Members of the Assembly, and obliged to attend their Public Duty, which, at this Time, will greatly hinder, if not totally prevent, the Trial of Causes in the Provincial Court: To prevent therefore the unnecessary Attendance of Jurors, Parties, and Witnesses, *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 all Causes now depending in the Provincial Court, which by Law would not continue longer than till *April* Provincial Court, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-two, may be continued from the said *April* Court to the second Tuesday of *September* next, and shall be then in the same Plight and Condition, in all Respects, as such Causes would be in *April* Provincial Court aforesaid; any Thing to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Preamble.

Continuance of Causes in *April* Provincial Court

An Act to establish a Market, at the Market-House in Chester-Town, in Kent County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.

I. WHEREAS it has been represented to this present General Assembly, That by the Survey of the said Town, there is a convenient Square of Ground laid out for a Market-Place, and that the Inhabitants of the said Town have built a convenient House on the said Square for a Market-House, and that if their Market was put under a proper Regulation, it might be rendered very useful to them, as well as to the Inhabitants of the said County, and the adjacent County, and clandestine Bartering and Dealing with Servants and Slaves be prevented; and it is prayed that an Act of Assembly may be passed for holding and regulating the Market at the said Market-House:

Preamble.

II. BE it therefore 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 from and after the Eleventh Day of *June* next, Two Days in the Week shall be held as Market Days, within the Town of *Chester* aforesaid; *to wit,* Wednesdays and Saturdays, and that all Viſtuals and Provisions whatsoever brought to the said Town for Sale (except Fish and Oysters that shall be brought by Water, and Beef by the Quarter or larger Quantity, and Pork by the Hog or Hogs brought either by Land or Water) upon those or any other Days, shall be carried to the Public Market-House of the said Town, there to be sold to the Inhabitants at the stated Market-Hours, *to wit,* from any Time in the Morning to Twelve at Noon.

A Market established at *Chester* Town.

III. AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Inhabitant of the said Town, or other Person, shall presume to buy, or cause to be bought, of any Person or Persons bringing (and within one Mile thereof) or having brought, any Kind of Viſtuals or Provisions whatsoever to the said Town for Sale (except as before excepted) either upon the above stated Market Days, or any other Days of the Week, during the Time of the above stated Market Hours, at any other Place whatsoever, but at or in the aforesaid Market-House, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings Current Money, in Bills of Credit, or Gold or Silver, for every such Offence; to be recovered by Warrant before any Justice of the Peace of *Kent* County, or the County where the Person shall reside, as in Case of small Debts, to be paid to such Person as shall by the Justices of *Kent* County, be appointed Clerk of the Market in *Chester-Town* aforesaid, to be by him applied to the Repairing of the said Market-House.

No Provisions to be bought but at the Market-House, in Market Hours, except, &c.

IV. AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Person whatsoever, after the Time aforesaid, bringing or sending, or having brought or sent, any Provisions or Viſtuals to the said Town for Sale, shall presume to sell or cause to be sold, the said Viſtuals or Provisions so bringing or sending, or brought or sent, as aforesaid, to the said Town, or within one Mile thereof, either by Land or by Water (except as before excepted) under the Penalty of Ten Shillings Current Money, in Bills of Credit, or Gold or Silver, with Costs as aforesaid (if a free Person); to be recovered, paid and applied, as aforesaid.

Nor to be sold after Market Hours, except, &c.

V. BE it also further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall hereafter presume to slaughter or butcher any Cattle Kind, Sheep or Hog, in or near about the said Market-House, that he or they so doing, shall forfeit and pay Two Shillings and Six-pence Current Money, in Bills of Credit, or Gold or Silver, for every such Offence; to be recovered, paid and applied, as aforesaid, with Costs aforesaid.

Cattle, &c. not to be slaughter'd at the Market-House.

VI. AND whereas it has been practiced by the People coming in from the Country, to tie their Horses in the said Market-House, which is very indecent and offensive to the Inhabitants of the said Town: *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if any Person or Persons shall, after the Time aforesaid, put their own or any other Person's Horse or Horses, Mare or Mares, Gelding or Geldings, into or under the said Market-House, on any Pretence whatsoever, he or they shall pay or forfeit Two Shilling: and Six-pence Current Money, in Bills of Credit, or Gold or Silver, with Costs aforesaid; to be recovered, paid, and applied, as aforesaid.

Horses, &c. not to be tied at the Market-House.

VII. THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

Continuance.