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III.

The Chief Justice &c. to deliver to the Clerk, the Dockets made out by him for their Use

II. And whereas, There may be an Obstruction to Justice, in the said several Causes, without the Aid of the Legislature; 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 the Chief Justice of the said County Court, the Sheriff of the said County, and the several Attornies practising in the same, shall, and they are hereby directed and required, to deliver up to Mr. Benjamin Young, Clerk of the said County, their several and respective Dockets, for the several Courts, the Dockets of which shall appear to have been burnt and lost, the aforesaid Dockets having been made out and delivered by the said Clerk, or his sworn Deputy, to them, respectively, for their respective Uses.

Causes brought to a final End, an Abstract to be enter'd among the Records, &c.

III. And be it Enacted, That the said Clerk shall, and may, in all such Proceedings and Causes, whether Criminal or Civil, that shall appear from any, or either of such Dockets, where no Executions have been issued therein; and where Execution hath been issued, then from such Execution, to have been at either of the said Courts finished, and brought to final End, or other Determination, make out, and enter up, among the Records of the said County, a Minute, Abstract, or Abridgment of such Proceedings, so determined in such Manner, and with such Judgment, End, or Determination, as shall, from the major Part of the said Dockets, and the Justices, Sheriffs, and Attornies Entries thereon, and from such Executions as are already issued, or such Judgments, Ends, or other Determinations, respectively (always giving the Preference to such Executions already issued, in such Points as they shall be entitled to a Preference in) appear to have been the Judgment, End, or other Determinations, of such Cases respectively.

Executions, &c. to be entered in like Manner.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That all and every the Executions, and other judicial Procces, grounded upon any Judgment or Determination, made or obtained in the said Court, and which Execution or other judicial Procces, has been returnable, and returned to the said Court; and all and every the Acts or Proceedings of the Justices, the Sheriff, or the Clerk of the said County, by virtue, and in Pursuance of such Executions, or other judicial Procces, shall be ascertained, entered, and made up in like Manner.

Difficulties arising, the Justices to assist.

V. And be it further Enacted, That in Case of any Uncertainty, or other Difficulty to the said Clerk, in making such Abstract, Minute, or Abridgment, he shall, and is hereby required and directed, to apply to the Justices of the said County, at any future Sitting in Court, for their Assistance and Direction therein; and they are hereby authorized and required to give the same.

Such Abstract and Executions so entered to be good and valid.

VI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That such Abstract, Minute, or Abridgment, so as aforesaid by the said Clerk entered, and all Executions, and other Procces, already issued, or to be issued, and all Acts and Proceedings, in Pursuance and by Virtue thereof, shall be, and shall be deemed, construed, and taken to be as good, valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the Judgments, Ends, or other Determinations of the same respective Executions, and other judicial Procces, had been regularly entered up, or were now actually remaining, or filed among the Records and Proceedings of the said County Court, in usual Form; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Causes not determined, the Justices to proceed in a summary Way, or in Equity, and all

VII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Causes as were not determined in the said Court, shall and may be heard and determined; and the Justices of the said County, for the Time being, are hereby authorized and empowered to hear, adjudge of, and determine the same, either in a summary Way, by the best Evidence the Nature of each Case