

1777.

L A W S of the S T A T E of

C H A P.
XV.

Rents may be
distrained
for, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, after the said first Day of July, for any Person or Persons to distrain for Rent to him, her, or them due, and for any Magistrate to issue his Warrant or Warrants, in the same Manner as might or could have been done if the said Resolves, or either of them, had never been made.

Actions, &c.
depending on
26 July, 1775,
may be
heard, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all civil Actions, Pleas, Proceess and Proceedings, which were depending in any of the Courts of Law or Equity in this State, on the twenty-sixth Day of July seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and which have not already been heard or determined, shall be reinstated, put and considered, at the Session of the respective Courts in which such Actions were then depending, in the same State and Condition as they were in on the said twenty-sixth Day of July, 1775; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Chancellor, Judges, or Justices appointed by the General Assembly, or the Authority of this State, to hear, try and determine, at their respective Courts which shall be held next after the said first Day of July, all Actions, Suits, Pleas, Proceess and Proceedings, (not already heard and determined) which were depending in such Courts respectively in this State, on the said 26th Day of July, 1775, (or which have been since commenced and not yet determined) and proceed to final Judgment or Decree thereon, or the said Chancellor, Judges or Justices, may, in their Discretion, continue the said Actions, Suits, Pleas, Proceess and Proceedings, to any other Court, until they can or may be tried, heard and determined, with Justice and Convenience to the Parties.

From July 26,
1775, to July
1, 1777, not to
be considered
as Part of the
Time limited
for bringing
of Suits,
&c.

VII. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all that Space of Time from the said 26th Day of July, 1775, to the said first Day of July, 1777, shall not be reckoned, estimated or considered, as Part of the Time limited by Law for bringing or prosecuting any Action or Suit which was restricted or prohibited from being brought by any of the said Resolves, or shall any Part of the Time from the said 26th of July, 1775, to the last Day of August next, be taken or estimated in the Year and Day limited by law for issuing Executions on Judgments; and that if the Act of Limitations hath or shall be pleaded in any of the Cases aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs to give the special Matter and this Act in Evidence on a general Replication.

VIII. And, That Justice may not be delayed, or Individuals suffer by a Change of Government,

Warrants,
&c. issued
under the former
Government, to be
in force under
the present,
&c.

IX. Be it enacted, That all Writs, Warrants, or other Proceess, issued out of the several Offices of this State, or by any Magistrate, during the Continuance of the former Government, and all Land Warrants, granted and issuing out of the Land-Office before the Appointment and Qualification of the Registers of the Land-Office under the present Government, shall continue and be in Force for the same Time, and shall be executed by the proper Officers appointed under the present Government, in the same Manner as if the former Government had continued, and all Officers who shall have in their Possession any such Writs, Warrants, or other Proceess, or any such Land Warrants, or any Records, Books or Papers, are hereby directed and required