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An ACT to enable the Governor to issue Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery in certain Cases.

Preamble.

WHEREAS an unnatural Insurrection hath been already incited, and raised against this State and the Government thereof, in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester, and Treasons and Insurrections may be committed with the Expectation that the Perpetrators thereof may escape with Impunity, if tried in the County where the Offence shall be committed; that Justice may more speedily and securely be administered against such Offenders, and proper Examples made in such reasonable Time as may be a Means to suppress any Rebellion or Insurrection, and preserve the Peace and Tranquillity of this State,

Persons in Custody for Treason may be tried in any County, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any Persons now in Custody for any Treason, Misprision of Treason, Insurrection, or any high and dangerous Misdemeanor against this State and the Government thereof, and any Person who shall hereafter commit any of the Crimes, Offences, or Misdemeanors aforesaid, shall and may be tried in any County of this State, as the Governor thereof shall appoint, in the same Manner as if such Treason, Misprision of Treason, or Misdemeanor, had been committed in such County, and no Challenge to the County shall be allowed. Provided, That such Trial be had in some County of that Shore in which such Offences shall be committed. And for this Purpose

Governor may issue Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, &c.

III. Be it enacted, That during the Continuance of the present War with Great-Britain, the Governor may issue Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, for the Trial of such Crimes, Offences, and Misdemeanors, to any County in this State, and thereupon a Trial of any such Offenders shall be had in such County, and the same Proceedings carried on as if such Commission had issued to, and Trial had been in, the County where the Crime or Offence had been committed, and no Exception shall be allowed to such Commission or Trial.

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An ACT to continue the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.

Twelve Acts of Assembly continued.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to establish a Market at the Market-house in Chester-Town in Kent County, and for the Regulation of the said Market," made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the seventeenth Day of March, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, be, and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full Force for and during the Term of seven Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said seven Years. That another Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Fish," made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis,