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or appeal hath been presented, or is now depending, but that such judgment shall be considered in all respects as if this act had not been made, or be construed to affect any person or persons that hath or have purchased any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, bona fide, and on good and valuable consideration, but that such purchaser or purchasers shall be, and remain in the same state, right and condition, as if this act had not passed.

XIV. And, Whereas, inconveniences have arisen to suitors, where the judges and justices of the several courts of law in this state have been divided in opinion;

In actions where judges, &c. are divided in opinion, persons affected are entitled to bill of exception, &c.

XV. Be it enacted and declared, That in all actions in any of the courts of common law of this state, wherein the said judges or justices shall be divided in opinion, any person affected by such division, in any of the said courts, in any action whatsoever, shall and may be entitled to and have his bill of exception, in the same manner as if the opinion of the court had been given against him, and as such person would be by law entitled to in other cases.

XVI. And, Whereas, the fines which can by law be imposed upon jurors and witnesses for not attending court, when legally summoned thereto, are found inadequate to the purpose.

Fines on jurors or witnesses neglecting to appear, &c.

XVII. Be it enacted, That in all cases when jurors or witnesses shall be hereafter legally summoned to appear at the general court, and shall without sufficient excuse neglect to appear and attend according to such summons, the judges of the general court may fine such delinquent according to their discretion, not exceeding fifty pounds; and whenever any jurors or witnesses shall be legally summoned to attend the respective county courts, and shall, without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear and attend as required by the summons, such delinquent may be fined by the justices of the respective county courts any sum not exceeding thirty pounds common money.

XVIII. And, Whereas by the bill of rights and form of government the general assembly of this state is directed to be holden in the month of November yearly, and by law the several and respective county courts are directed to be holden in the same month, which is found by experience to be very inconvenient;

Aug. and Nov. county courts on E. shore abolished, &c.

XIX. Be it therefore enacted, That the respective county courts on the eastern shore, which by act of assembly are directed to be holden in the months of August and November yearly, be abolished, and that the same be hereafter held in the months of June and October; that is to say, The several and respective county courts on the eastern shore, which were held in the months of August and November, shall hereafter be held in the same weeks in the months of June and October, that the said county courts by law were directed to be held in the months of August and November, and that all acts, proceedings, and other matters whatever, which ought or might have been done or executed at the said August and November courts by the justices and officers of the said respective courts, shall and may be done and executed at the several and respective county courts to be held in the months of