

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county courts.

WHEREAS the justices of Caroline county court did not call their court on the first Monday in January last, as by adjournment they ought, whereby all causes, pleas, process, and proceedings, both civil and criminal, in the same court depending, were discontinued. Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all causes, pleas, process, and proceedings, both civil and criminal, which were depending and undetermined in the said Caroline county court, which ought to have been held on the first Monday in January last, shall be construed, adjudged, and taken, to be in the same state and condition, at the next court to be held for the said county, to all intents and purposes, as if the justices of the said court had met and held the said court on the first Monday of January last, agreeable to the adjournment of the said court, and that the justices of the said court may then proceed to hear and determine the said actions, pleas, process, and proceedings, respectively, as the case may require, as fully and effectually as the same might or lawfully could have been done in the aforesaid month of January last, the said discontinuance, or any other matter or thing, to the contrary notwithstanding. Causes, &c. depending, to be in the same state, &c.

III. Provided nevertheless, That in case any plaintiff or plaintiffs, in any suit or suits, is discontinued, hath or have brought his, her, or their action or actions anew, and hath or have caused or procured the defendant or defendants therein to be arrested, or where either the plaintiff or defendant, in any of the said actions, hath died since such discontinuance, by reason whereof such suit or suits would have been discontinued, if the same had been depending at the time of such death, such action shall not be taken or deemed within, but shall be excepted out of the provisions of this act. Provido.

IV. Provided also, That nothing in this act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to charge or make liable the bail given to the sheriff for the appearance of any person or persons, on any suit or process returnable at October court last, where no default has been entered, or the bail or sureties bound by recognizance for the appearance of any person or persons criminally prosecuted at the said October court, and on which recognizance no default was then entered, but such bail or sureties shall be in the same state and condition as if this act had never been made. Provido.

V. Whereas the justices of Caroline county did, by virtue and under the authority of the act, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned, hold the county court of Caroline at Choptank bridge: And whereas that part of the above recited act, for holding the county courts of Caroline at Choptank bridge, is suspended by the act, entitled, An act relating to the county courts of Caroline county, which said last recited act not getting over in time, the county court aforesaid was