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C H A P. II, III, IV.

journed to the third Tuesday in January next ; that Talbot county October court, which stands adjourned to some time in the beginning of December next, shall stand and be further adjourned to the fourth Tuesday in February next.

Causés, &c. to be in the same state, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That all causes, pleas, process, and proceedings, either civil or criminal, now depending in the said courts, or any of them, and all process returnable to any of them, shall stand, remain, and be, in the same state and condition, on the respective times to which they are hereby adjourned, as they would be on the respective times they are by law directed to be held or stand adjourned to, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Courts may continue causes, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said respective courts shall have full power and authority, in their discretion, to continue all causes which cannot conveniently be tried at the respective courts to be held at the said several and respective times to which they stand adjourned as aforesaid, to the several and respective times thereafter when they are by law directed to be held.

C H A P. III.

Local

An ACT to make valid the proceedings of the deputy sheriff of Worcester county, after the death of the late sheriff.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Edward Vandome, deputy sheriff of Worcester county, did continue to execute the sheriff's office for said county after the decease of John Selby, Esquire, the high sheriff, who died on or about the twentieth day of September last past, by means whereof all such acts done and performed by him, after the death of the said John Selby, became invalid and of no effect: And whereas great inconvenience would result to many individuals, in case the proceeding of the said deputy sheriff were not made valid;

Proceedings of deputy sheriff valid, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every act or thing, process or proceedings, done and executed by the said Edward Vandome, as deputy sheriff of Worcester county aforesaid, after the decease of the said John Selby, be of the same validity, force, and effect, as if the same had been done and performed in the life-time of the said John Selby, any law, statute, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. IV.

Local

An ACT to empower the present sheriff of Worcester county to collect the balance of the five pound tax and county rate not collected by the late sheriff.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears that John Selby, Esquire, the late sheriff of Worcester county, died before he had fully completed the collection of the five pound tax and county levy, and there being no speedy and effectual mode by which the representatives of the deceased could effect the same: