

C H A P.
XXXIII.

Saint-Mary's county on the first Mondays in March and August, and in Calvert county on the third Mondays in March and August; in Prince-George's county on the first Mondays in April and September; in Charles county on the third Mondays in April and September; in Cæcil county on the first Monday in March and second Monday in October; in Kent county on the third Monday in March and fourth Monday in October; in Queen-Anne's county on the third Monday in May and second Monday in November; in Talbot county on the second Monday in June and the fourth Monday in November; in Anne-Arundel county on the first Monday in March and the fourth Monday in September; in Baltimore county on the third Monday in March and second Monday in November; in Harford county on the second Mondays in April and September; in Caroline county on the first Monday in March and the second Monday in October; in Dorchester county on the third Monday in March and fourth Monday in October; in Somerset county on the third Monday in May and second Monday in November; in Worcester county on the second Monday in June and fourth Monday in November; in Washington county on the second Monday in April and first Monday in December; in Frederick county on the fourth Monday in March and third Monday in November; in Montgomery county on the second Monday in March and first Monday in November; and in Allegany county on the fourth Monday in April and the third Monday in December.

Governor and
council to ap-
point chief
justices, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to appoint and commission, for each of the said districts, one person of integrity and experience, and sound legal knowledge, who shall reside in the district for which he is appointed, (who shall be styled in the commission chief justice of the county courts in such district,) and to appoint and commission, in each of the counties of this state, two persons of integrity, experience and knowledge, residents of the county for which they were appointed, (who shall be styled in the commission associate justices of the county court of the county for which they shall be appointed;) and the said justices shall hold their commission during good behaviour, and may be removed for misbehaviour, in the same manner as the chancellor and the judges may be removed agreeably to the constitution of this state, and not otherwise.

Of whom the
county courts
are to be com-
posed, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the county courts in each district, shall be composed of the chief justice of the district in which each county shall be, and of the two associate justices appointed for such counties respectively; and that the said county court, or the chief justice alone, or the two associate justices, shall have, possess and execute, the same power, jurisdiction and duties, now vested in, or required of, the county courts of this state, except in the cases hereafter excepted, (and an appeal, or writ of error, shall lie to the general court in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as is now, or shall hereafter be, allowed by law from the county courts to the general court;) and any one of the said associate justices may hold and adjourn the said court, and impanel and charge the grand jury, and direct process to issue on any presentment or indictment found in the said court, or on any petition or complaint exhibited to the said court, and he may direct *subpœnas* to issue for witnesses to attend the said court, or attachments of contempt to issue against witnesses or jurors for non-attendance, and he may direct any witness to be sworn to the grand jury, and receive any presentment or indictment from the grand jury, and take recognizances for the appearance of witnesses, or any person presented or indicted, and he may commit any person presented or indicted for want of security, and he may direct judgments to be entered on confession, or *non sum informatus*.

Causes, &c. to
be returned,
&c.

VI. And be it enacted, That all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, relative to any cause, civil or criminal, which shall be returnable to, or depending before, the several county courts of this state when this act shall commence, shall be returned to the several county courts constituted by this act, at the times herein before appointed for the holding of each court, and shall be heard, tried, and determined therein, in the same manner as if no change had been made in the said courts.

VII. And