

since, for Crimes of an high Nature, to which he has never answered, but is now returned unfound on such Process, and that he fled from the Justice of this Province, when bound by Recognizance to answer the same.

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Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the several Clerks in whose Hands any such Deeds are, and they are hereby required to detain in their Hands all such Deeds, that they may be subjected to a legal Enquiry and Examination, until the said Riddlesden shall surrender himself to Justice, to undergo a fair Tryal of the Facts he stands accused of; and also give the Persons in Danger of being injured by such Deeds, an Opportunity of legally contesting with him the Validity of them; and until he shall stand to and abide the Judgment of the Courts of Judicature thereupon: And that any Clerk that shall presume to deliver any of the said Deeds to the said Riddlesden, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall forfeit and be removed from his Office.

A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for Tryal of all Facts in the Counties where they have arisen and shall arise; the Continuance of Causes in the Provincial Court; and Adjournment of that Court.

1724
Chap. XVII
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compilation,
1727, p. 266;
supple-
ments 1723,
ch. 3, and
was further
continued by
1727, ch. 6;
expiring in
1731]

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Assize, Nisi Prius, and Goal-Delivery, shall in all criminal and civil Cases to be tryed before them, where any Person concern'd shall desire the same, allow and direct special Verdicts to be found; and in all criminal Cases where the Party accused shall desire the same, to sign and allow Bills of Exception as they are usually allowed in civil Actions; and that in all Cases where special Verdicts are found, and Bills of Exception allowed, that no Judgment shall be rendred until the next Provincial Court, to the Consideration of which Court it is to be referred: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it Enacted, That the Sheriff of every County shall summon Forty Eight of the best and most reputable Free-holders in his County, except Practising-Physicians, Chirurgeons, and other Persons exempt by the Laws heretofore made, to attend at the Assizes; and to prevent any Application to such Jurors to prepossess or influence them in giving their Verdict (it being inconsistent with the Duty of a Jury-Man to admit of or to be influenced by such Application) that the several Sheriffs, at the Time of summoning Jurors

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