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constituted, authorized, and appointed. And whereas it is also necessary, for the good Rule and Government of this Province, that Justice should be always administered, the Laws executed, and the Public Services of the Province constantly performed ;

All Procefs and Judicial Proceedings since the Death of the late Lord Proprietary, are confirmed.

II. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same,* That all Pleas, Actions, Suits, and other Prosecutions and Proceedings whatsoever, in any Court of Judicature within this Province, that were commenced or depending before or since the Death or Demise of the aforesaid late Lord Proprietary, and which either have been determined, or still depend and continue undetermined, shall be, and are hereby deemed as effectually Determined or Continued, to all Intents, Purposes, and Constructions whatsoever, as if no such Death or Demise had happened ; any Defect or Error in such Proceedings, occasioned only by the Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary, or his Name and Stile being used or observed in such Writ, Precepts, Procefs, and Judicial Proceedings, or any Want of Authority in the aforesaid several Courts, by Means or Occasion of the Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary notwithstanding.

III. *And be it further Enacted,* That the Proceedings of the several Courts of Judicature within this Province, until this Time, be, and are hereby confirmed, so that no Advantage shall be taken of any Want of Authority, Defect, or Error, in such Proceedings, occasioned by the Death only of the said late Lord Proprietary ; but that all such Defects and Errors be, and are hereby, perfectly and effectually aided, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act ; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And all Official Acts of Persons acting under his Commission.

IV. *And be it further Enacted,* That every Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, done, executed, or performed, since the Death or Demise of the aforesaid late Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, commissioned or appointed by the said late Proprietary, or his Lieutenant-Governor, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, properly and legally authorized, constituted, or appointed thereto, in pursuance of their respective Offices or Commissions, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken, and to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, stand, be, and remain, as good, effectual, and available, and have the same Force, Strength, and Effect, as if the said late Lord Proprietary had not Deceased or departed this Life, as to any Defect or Error, or Want of Authority, to be alleged or objected, by Means or Occasion of his said Death or Demise only ; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Acts of Assembly which passed the last Session, are confirmed.

V. *And be it likewise Enacted,* That the several Acts made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the Fifteenth Day of *May* last, be, and are hereby made good and valid in Law, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, for and during the Continuance mentioned in the said several and respective Acts ; the Death or Demise of the said late *CHARLES* Lord *Baltimore* notwithstanding.

No Suit or Judicial Proceedings shall determine, &c. by the Death of any Lord Proprietary.

VI. *And be it further Enacted,* That from henceforth, by the Death or Demise of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is, or by the Death or Demise of any of his Heirs or Successors, who shall have legal Right to the Government of the said Province, no Action, Suit, Bill, or Complaint, or any Prosecutions or Judicial Proceedings whatsoever, now depending, or that shall hereafter depend, shall determine, be discontinued, or put without Day ; but that the Procefs, Pleas, Demurrers, and Continuances, in every Action, Actions, Suits, Bills, or Complaint, which now or hereafter shall depend in any of the Courts within this Province, shall stand good, effectual,