

C H A P. III.

An ACT to repeal an act against engrossers and regrators.

An act re-
pealed.

BE it enacted, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same, That an act of assembly, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the fifth day of September, One thousand seven hundred and four, entitled, An act against engrossers and regrators, be and is hereby repealed, abrogated, and made null and void.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT for the relief of Benjamin Harris of Frederick county. PR.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for abolishing June county courts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is by experience found, that the county court held in the month of June within this province, is very prejudicial, and of great hindrance to the necessary business of the people in that season of the year; for remedy whereof for the future,

June courts
abolished.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same, That June court, heretofore held in every county, be and is hereby discontinued and abolished, and that every matter or thing, directed and required, by any law of this province, to be done, used and practised, at June court, shall, for the future, be done, used and practised, at the August court in every county, as fully and effectually, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as the same hath hitherto been done, used and practised, at June court aforesaid, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

How long ac-
tions may be
continued.

III. **And**, whereas by the discontinuing and abolishing June court, it is thought reasonable that the time for limiting the continuance of actions in the several and respective county courts within this province should be shortened, **Be it therefore enacted**, That all actions commenced or to be commenced in any county court of this province, may be continued to the end of the third court after the appearance court, and no longer, unless it shall appear by affidavit, to the satisfaction of the court, that testimony material in such suit is really wanting, and that the party alleging the same to be wanting, or his attorney or agent, hath used his reasonable endeavours for procuring such witness or testimony, any former law, usage or custom, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

When courts
are to be held
in certain
counties, &c.

IV. **And**, whereas from the increase of civil business in Charles, Talbot, Saint-Mary's, Baltimore, and Kent counties, it is thought proper that the days appointed by law for the holding of the county courts for the said counties be altered; **Be it therefore enacted**, That for the future the county court for Baltimore, Talbot, and Saint-Mary's counties, shall be held on the Monday before the first Tuesday in the months of March, August and November, yearly; for Charles county, on the Monday before the second Tuesday of the said months; and for Kent county, on the Monday before the third Tuesday of the said months; and that all actions, process and proceedings, as well criminal as civil, which are depending and undetermined in the said county courts, or returnable to the first, second and third Tuesdays in June next, shall be construed, judged and taken, to be in the same situation, state and condition, on the Monday before the first, second and third Tuesdays in August next, as they would be on the first, second and third Tuesdays in June next: And the justices of the said county courts for the time being may, on the Mondays before the first, second and third Tuesdays of August next, proceed to the hearing and determining all actions, process and proceedings, respectively, as the case may require, as fully and effectually, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as the justices of the said county courts could or might lawfully do on the first, second and third Tuesdays of June next, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

V. **And**