

ACTS.¹

Bacon's
Laws

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, in the County of Ann-Arundel, the 22^d Day of April, and ended the 10th Day of May, in the 3^d Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Annoq; Domini 1718, were Enacted the Laws following viz.

John Hart, Esq; Governor.

A Supplementary Act to the Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies. Chap. I

Whereas there has been some Doubts concerning the issuing of Writs of Election, and the Time for Elections, upon the Death or Removal of any of the Delegates within the Several Counties of this Province, and City of Annapolis, during the Being or Sitting of any Session of Assembly; for the removing whereof for the future,

II. Be it 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 this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That whensoever any Vacancy shall happen by the Death or Removal of any Member of the Lower House of Assembly, Writs of Election shall immediately issue, upon the Honourable Speaker, for the Time being, his issuing his Warrant to the Secretary to prepare such Writ or Writs, directed to the several Persons or Bodies Politic, to whom the Execution of such Writ or Writs shall belong, who are hereby authorized and empowered immediately to proceed to the Execution of such Writ or Writs, according to the Directions of the aforementioned Law, without any Regard had to the Space of Time betwixt the Test and Return of such Writ or Writs, so as public Notice be given of the Election in a County, according

¹ The text of these Acts is taken from Bacon's *Laws of Maryland at Large* (1765), in which are contained only the public general laws in force at the date of that compilation. Local and private acts, and such as had expired or been repealed, do not appear. Liber LL. No. 4, which contained the original record of the session laws, has been lost.