

An Act for the Continuation of Actions, and securing the Peace and good Government of this Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many Writs, Precepts, Process, and Judicial Proceedings have been issued, had, and executed, and several Courts of Judicature have been hold in this Province, in the Name and Stile of the late Right Honourable CHARLES, Lord Proprietary, since his Death or Demise; and the several Judges, Justices, Magistrates, and Ministers of Justice, and also the Officers and other Persons within this Province, Commissionated by the said late Proprietary, or his Lieutenant Governor for the Time being, not knowing that the said late Proprietary had departed this Life, have, since the Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary, under and in Virtue of their said respective Commissions, and the Authority of the same, done, acted, and performed such Duties and Services, and other Matters and Things, as appertain and properly belong to their respective Functions, Offices and Stations: And for that it is the Intent of this General Assembly, that no Disappointment or Inconvenience whatsoever should happen or arise to any Suitors by Discontinuance, or other Error or Cause of Exception, by Means or Occasion of the Death or Demise of the said late Lord Proprietary, or his Name and Stile being used, observed, and pursued in such Writs, Precepts, Process, and Judicial Proceedings, or any Censure, Damage, Loss, or Inconvenience whatsoever, should happen or arise to the said Judges, Justices, Magistrates, and Ministers of Justice, or the Officers or Persons commissionated by the said late Proprietary, or his said Lieutenant Governor, for having exercised, done, put in Practice, or performed any Matter, Thing, Act, Service, or Duty whatsoever, properly belonging or appertaining unto their respective Functions, Offices, and Stations, since the aforesaid Death or Demise of the said late Proprietary.

And whereas it is necessary to the Peace and Welfare of this Province, that upon any emergent Occasion, some Person or Persons residing within this Province, should be sufficiently authorized and impowered to call and summon the General Assembly of this Province, for the Providing, Establishing, and Enacting of good and salutary Laws; which, by the undoubted Constitution of this Province, cannot be made, ordained, established, or enacted, but by and with the Consent of the Freemen of this Province, by their several and respective Delegates and Representatives legally called together and assembled by the Lord Proprietary for the Time being, or some other Person or Persons by him for that End and Purpose properly 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.

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

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