

Public by action of Debt Bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoin Protection or wager of Law to be allowed. And for the better security of the arms of such persons so listed as afforesaid, be it further Enacted by the authority afforesaid by & with the advice & consent afforesaid, that no Sheriff or other officer shall by vertue of any precept whatsoever attach or execute any horse or arms so entred as afforesaid for any debt due or payable from the owner or owners thereof to any person or persons whatsoever under the penaltie of two thousand pounds of tobacco to be recovered as afforesaid to the use afforesaid, And further that the publick arms & ammunition lodged in the Millitary Officers hands of the severall & respective Counties be & remain in such officers hands for the time being for the use of the said several Counties to be by them kept well fixed & fit for service for which said armes & ammunition such officer or officers as afforesaid shall from time to time be accountable to the gennerall Assembly of this Province for the time being & to no other person or persons whatsoever anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding Provided this act nor any thing therein contained shall be construed reputed or taken to settle the armes & ammunition belonging to their Sacred Majes<sup>tes</sup> in the possession of any perticular person or persons whatsoever, but that such arms be & remain in the hands & possession of such persons as the Governour of this Province from time to time shall think fitt to appoint for the secureing of them to be by him commanded for their Majes<sup>tes</sup> service when & as often as occasion shall require any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Public Record Office, London. C. O. 5. Vol. 731, Maryland. From 1694-1702. Acts

Acts of Oct. 1695, ch. 18

An Act for the Regulating the Proceedings of the Provinciall Court and Lessening the charge of Evidences Attendance.

Because it is found by experience that in Civill causes between man & man in this Province arrising & Tryable in the Provinciall Court the greatest part of the charge & Cost of such Action Suit or Tryall is by the long Attendance of the Evidences thereon Sumoned and the Occasion of such long Attendance is because it is not known what day of the Court any Cause shall come to Tryall and therefore all Evidences are obliged to attend from the first day of the Court till the Cause is Tryed which many times proves near the last day of the Court and that is occasioned for want of a setled Rule therein, for prevention whereof for the future and for setling certain dayes of Tryall for each cause in the Provinciall Court of this Province and other proceedings hereafter to be Tryed The Burgesses & Dellegates of this present Generall Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same that at the end of the Provinciall Court now holden for this Province at this Port of Annapolis and so at the end of every Provinciall Court of this Province hereafter during the