

How Forfeitures
and Penalties
shall be applied.

IV. *And be it also further enacted*, That all Forfeitures and Penalties arising by Force and Virtue of this Act, shall be one half to the Informer, and the other half to the use of the Poor, and be recovered by Complaint or Information, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where such Complaint or Information shall arise; and be levied, upon due Conviction, by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, under the Hand and Seal of such Justices; and for want of sufficient Distress the Offender to suffer one Month's Imprisonment.

C A P V.

An Act for establishing the Times of holding the Supreme Court.

Preamble.

*** *HEREAS* great Inconveniences, by fixing and confining the
* *W* * *Times of holding His Majesty's Supreme Court of this Pro-*
* *vince to two Terms only in the Year, have arisen, and may*
*** *further arise from a Want of a more speedy Administration of*
Justice in Capital Offences, both from the long and injurious Detention
and Confinement of such Prisoners who, upon their Trial and Defence,
may appear to be innocent of the Crimes for which they are committed,
and also from protracting the Punishment of Offenders who may appear
to be guilty of Crimes of the most enormous Nature, and of dangerous
Tendency to the Safety and Peace of the Public, and by such Delay of
Justice emboldening Offenders, and weakening the Force and Terrors of
the Laws; and likewise in hearing and determining Causes of Property
in the said Court, both Originally and by Writs of Error from the In-
ferior Courts, to the great Delay of the Subject in recovering their
Civil Rights and Demands, and more especially as Suits are most fre-
quently and generally commenced in the said Supreme Court; Be it
therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly,
and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That His Ma-
jefty's said Supreme Court shall be holden at four Terms in every
Year, that is to say, on the first Tuesdays in the Months of Janu-
ary, of April, of July, and of October; and that the said Court
shall be and is hereby impowered to proceed in the said respective
four Terms, in the same Manner as in the said two Terms hereto-
fore limited and appointed; and that the several Laws of this Pro-
vince respecting the summoning of Jurors, shall extend and be
construed to extend to the holding the said Supreme Court at the
four Terms as before directed; and that all the Proceedings,
Rules, Judgments and Executions of the said Supreme Court, in
the Course of their Sittings in the said Terms, shall be good, valid,
and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

The Supreme
Court shall be hol-
den at four Terms
every Year.

The Laws respec-
ting Jurors, extend-
ed to such four
Terms.