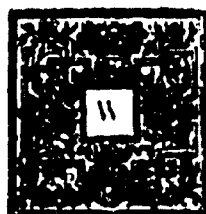


ACTS and LAWS Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*; Begun and Held at *Boston* upon *Wednesday* the *Twenty ninth* of *May*, 1717; And Continued by several Prorogations unto *Wednesday* the *Twenty third* of *October* following, and then Met.

An Act for altering the Time of holding a Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, within and for the County of Hampshire, and for Reviving all Actions and Procefs lately depending there, and discontinued by reason of the Court's not meeting. D^o 273.



HEREAS the Time by Law appointed for holding the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery at *Springfield*, within and for the County of *Hampshire*, on the *Second Thursday* in *August* Yearly, is frequently a Time of great and excessive Heat, which renders the Travelling of the Justices, and others concerned at the said Court, very inconvenient on many Accounts: Be it therefore Enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, shall from henceforward be held at *Springfield*, on the *Thursday* in the Week next following the Time appointed by Law for the Sitting of the said Court at *Bristol*, which is on the *Second Tuesday* in *September* Yearly; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

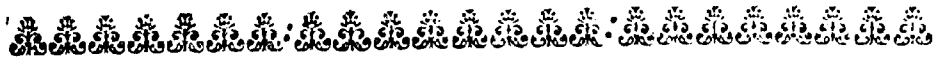
AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Appeals, Reviews, Recognizances, Warrants, or other Procefs, which should have been heard and tried at the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to have been holden at *Springfield*, for the said County of *Hampshire*, by Adjournment, on *Wednesday* the *Eighteenth Day* of *September*, but discontinued by reason of the Sickness, or other Bodily Infirmities of most of the Justices of the said Court, be, and hereby are Revived, Continued, and Adjourned over, and may be pleaded, heard, and proceeded upon at the next Superior

Time and Place for holding the Superior Court in Hampshire.

Appeal, Reviews, &c. revived.

Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to be holden at *Springfield* aforesaid, on the *Thursday* following the next Court at *Bristol*, as aforesaid. And all Parties, that had Day by any Pleas, Writs, Bills, Actions, Suits, Plaints, Procefs, Precepts, Recognizances, or other Things whatsoever, that are discontinued in the said Court, to have been holden by Adjournment, as aforesaid, shall respectively appear at the next Court, to be holden at *Springfield* aforesaid, on the *Thursday* above-mentioned, under the Penalty of forfeiting any Bonds, Obligations, or Recognizances, for the Appearance of the said Parties, or any other Penalty that might have incurred on the said Parties for not appearing, at the Court discontinued, as aforesaid, if the same had been held and kept. And that the Sessions of the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas, and of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, that are now ordered to be held at *Springfield* on the First *Tuesday* of *September*, be altered and henceforward holden, from time to time, on the last *Tuesday* in *August*; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inferior Court,
 &c. to sit on
 the last *Tuesday*
 in *August*.



№ 274.
 Expired in
 1722.

An Act for the further Regulating the Soldiers in His Majesty's Service at Castle-William.



№ 275.

An Act for the better Regulation of Fowling.

WHEREAS the Water-Fowl of divers Kinds, which were wont in former Years in great Numbers to frequent the Maritime Towns of this Province, were of great Service and Benefit to the Inhabitants, both for Meat and Feathers; but are now in great Measure affrighted, and driven away by many Persons, who have made use of Boats, Canoes, Floats, or other Vessels, therein to go off to shoot them at Distance from the Shore upon the Flats and feeding Grounds; which Practices, if continued, are likely to have the ill Effect to cause the Fowl wholly to desert and disuse the said Towns: For Prevention whereof, Be it Enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons shall, at any time after Two Months from the Publication of this Act, make use of any Boat, Canoo, Float, Raft, or other Vessel, wherewith to approach to, and shoot at any Water-Fowl, in any part of this Province, he or they so offending, shall each of them forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings to the Informer. And every such Offender shall be, and hereby is prohibited and restrained from using a Gun to shoot at Water-Fowl for the Space of Three Years next after his Offence, upon the like Penalty of Forty Shillings for each Time he shall presume so to offend, to be disposed of in Manner as the Forfeiture afore-mentioned. This Act to continue in Force until the Tenth Day of *December*, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, and no longer.

Persons not to
 shoot at Water-
 Fowl in any
 Boat, Canoo,
 &c.

Penalty.
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 Shooting at
 Water-Fowl.

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№ 276.
 Expired in
 1722.

An Act in further Addition to the Act for encouraging the Killing of Wolves, made in the Fifth Tear of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary.

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