

as it differs from the usage of neighbouring nations, and the legal computation of that part of Great-Britain called Scotland, and thereby divers mistakes happened in the dates of deeds and other writings; and our Julian calendar having been discovered to be erroneous; that the spring equinox, which at the general council of Nice, anno dom. 325, happened about the 21st of March, now happens the ninth or tenth of the same month, which error is still increasing; and to the end, that the several equinoxes or solstices may for the future fall upon the same nominal days as at the time of the said general council, and is now generally received by almost all other nations of Europe, and to prevent disputes with foreign correspondents of almost all other nations of Europe in their letters and accounts, be it enacted, that in all his majesty's dominions in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, the old supputation is not to be made use of, after the 31st of December 1751, and the year for the future to commence January 1st, and the days to be numbered in the same order, and the moveable feasts to be ascertained as they now are until September 2, 1752, inclusive; and the day following, (that is, the 3d of Sept. 1752) to be accounted the 14th of Sept. 1752, omitting at that time the eleven intermediate nominal days. All writings after 1st of January 1752, to be dated according to the new stile, and all courts after Sept. 2, 1752, shall be held in the same nominal days they now are; (courts held with fairs or marts excepted) that is, eleven days sooner than the respective day wherein the same are now kept. Every hundredth year, excepting every fourth hundred, whereof anno 1800 shall be the first, to be deemed tho' a leap year or bissextile consisting only of 365 days, but all other bissextile or leap years shall consist of 366 days. — And whereas the method of computing the full moons now used in the calendar of the common prayers of the church of England, to find easter, is become considerably erroneous; therefore the said feast of easter and others de-