

such Property to belong to the Officer or Officers, Commissioner or Commissioners in whose Occupation, or within or under whose Superintendence, Charge or Management such Property shall be, and it shall not be necessary to specify the Names of any of such Officers or Commissioners.

Indictment not
to abate by Dil-
atory Plea of
Misnomer.

‘XVII. And for preventing Abuses from dilatory Pleas;’ Be it enacted, That no Indictment or Information shall be abated by reason of any dilatory Plea of Misnomer or of Want of Addition, or of wrong Addition of the Party offering such Plea, if the Court shall be satisfied by Affidavit or otherwise of the Truth of such Plea; but in such Case the Court shall forthwith cause the Indictment or Information to be amended according to the Truth, and shall call upon such Party to plead thereto, and shall proceed as if no such dilatory Plea had been pleaded.

What defects
shall not vitiate
an Indictment
after Verdict, or
otherwise.

‘XVIII. And that the Punishment of Offenders may be less frequently intercepted in consequence of technical Niceties;’ Be it enacted, That no Judgment upon any Indictment or Information for any Felony or Misdemeanor, whether upon Demurrer, or after Verdict or Outlawry, or by Confession, Default or otherwise, shall be given in favor of any Prisoner or Defendant, or stayed or reversed for Want of the Averment of any Matter unnecessary to be proved, nor for the Omission of the Words “as appears by the Record,” or of the Words “with Force and Arms,” or of the Words “against the Peace,” nor for the Insertion of the Words “against the Form of the Statute or Act of Assembly,” instead of the Words “against the Form of the Statutes or Acts of Assembly,” or *vice versâ*, nor for that any Person or Persons mentioned in the Indictment or Information is or are designated by a Name of Office or other descriptive Appellation instead of his, her or their proper Name