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AN ACT to confirm, and make valid in Law all manner of PROCESS and PROCEEDINGS in His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island, from the Twenty-fifth day of July, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, to this present Session of Assembly.

**W**HEREAS the said Supreme Court of Judicature has, from Time to Time, agreeably to, and by Virtue of, an Act made and passed in the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "*AN ACT* for establishing the "times and places of holding the said Supreme "Court of Judicature," sat and adjourned for the Purposes therein mentioned :

Preamble.

And Whereas the said Court, on the said twenty-fifth Day of July, was continued from that Time, by Adjournment, to the third Tuesday in February then next following, as prescribed by the said herein before recited Act :

And Whereas in the month of November last, the Capital of this Island was invaded by two Provincial Privateers, who, among other wanton Depredations, made Prisoners of, and carried away the then and present Commander in Chief, the Surveyor General of the Island, and most of the Effects belonging to the former ; as also several of the public, as well as his private Papers, together with many of the Records of the said Supreme Court of Judicature, the Public Seal of this Island, His Majesty's Commission, and divers other necessary and valuable Papers and Effects belonging to this Colony : by reason whereof, and more especially as, at or about that time, a Chief Justice, appointed by His Majesty to this Island, arrived therein, who, on account of the distracted state of it, occasioned as aforesaid, could not procure his Commission as directed by His Majesty's Royal