

ACTS

PASSED AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON,
ON THE SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1757.

CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIMES APPOINTED FOR HOLDING THE SUPERIOUR COURT OF JUDICATURE, &c., IN THE COUNTIES OF PL[I][Y]MOUTH, BRISTOL AND BARNSTABLE.

WHEREAS the times appointed by law for holding the superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery, within the counties of Pl[i][y]mouth, Bristol and Barnstable, are found to be inconvenient in regard of the extream heat of the season, as well as in other respects,—

Preamble.
1752-53, chap. 21,
and see chap. 33,
post.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governo[u]r, Council and House of Representatives,

[SECT. 1.] That for the future, the time for holding the superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery, at Pl[i][y]mouth, within and for the county of Pl[i][y]mouth, shall be the last Tuesday in April, annually; and that the time for holding the said court at Barnstable, for the counties of Barnstable and Dukes County, shall be the first Tuesday in May, annually; and that the time for holding the said court at Taunton, within and for the county of Bristol, shall be the second Tuesday in October, annually.

Times for holding superior courts in the counties of Plymouth, Barnstable, and Dukes county, and Bristol.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That all writ[t]s and other processes already issued, returnable to the said court at the days heretofore appointed for holding the same in the several counties aforesaid, shall be returned, and all matters depending at said court, in either of said counties, shall be proceeded, on at the days respectively appointed by this act for holding the same. And all officers and other persons concerned, are required to conform themselves accordingly. [*Passed February 25; * published February 28, 1757.†*]

All processes relating thereto, to be tried at said courts.

* February 26, according to the record.

† On the engrossment, the date of publication is written February 23; but it is assumed that this is an error of the engrossing clerk.