

Within and for Dukes County, at Edgartown, the first Tuesday in March; and at Tisbury, the last Tuesday in October:

Within and for the county of Nantucket, at Sherburn[e], the last Tuesday in March and first Tuesday in October:

Within and for the county of Worcester, at Worcester, the last Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in June, the first Tuesday in September and the first Tuesday in December:

Within and for the county of Cumberland, at Falmouth, the third Tuesday in April and third Tuesday in October:

Within and for the county of Lincoln, at Pownalborough, the first Tuesday in June and last Tuesday in September:

1766-67, chap. 14.

Within and for the county of Berkshire, at Great Barrington, the first Tuesday in September; and at Pittsfield, the last Tuesday in February.

And be it further enacted,

Writs and other matters declared to be returnable accordingly.

[SECT. 2.] That all original writs, summons, warrants, issued or to be issued, recognizances, executions, processes, matters or things of what kind soever, returnable to, or which might have been adjudged, determined or acted upon at, any court the time for holding of which is altered by this act, shall be in like manner returnable to, adjudged, determined and acted upon at, the court, in the same county, to be holden next after by virtue of this act. [*Passed April 26, 1770.*]

CHAPTER 19.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT MADE AND PASSED IN THE ELEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF KING WILLIAM THE THIRD, INTITLED "AN ACT FOR SUPPRESSING AND PUNISHING OF ROGUES, VAGABONDS AND COMMON BEGGARS AND OTHER LEWD, IDLE AND DISORDERLY PERSONS; AND FOR SETTING THE POOR TO WORK."

Preamble.

1699-1700, chap. 8.

WHEREAS the execution of an act, made and passed in the eleventh year of the reign of King William the Third, intituled "An Act for the suppressing and punishing of rogues, vagabonds, common beggars and other lewd, idle and disorderly persons; and also for setting the poor to work," is oftentimes rendered very difficult, by reason of the distance of the place where such persons are found and taken up, from the house of correction to which they are directed by said act to be sent in order for punishment; by means whereof such persons often escape without any punishment, and thereby many such disorderly persons are encouraged to come from distant parts into this province, whereby his majesty's good and industrious subjects here are frequently burthened and imposed on by such vagrant, idle and disorderly persons; for the more effectual preventing whereof for the future, —

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

Court of sessions, and one or more justices of the peace out of court empowered to punish vagabonds, &c.

That henceforward it shall be in the power of the court of general sessions of the peace, in any county within this province, and of one or more justices of the peace out of court, at his discretion, either to send and commit to the house of correction all such persons as said court or justice might send or commit thereto by the provision of said act, or otherwise punish them by setting in the stocks, not exceeding three hours, or by whipping not exceeding ten stripes; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed April 26, 1770.*]