

C H A P.
X.
and tried, &c.
again within
the Year,
who shall pay
for the Trial.

ner to have them tried over again within the Year; if the Steelyards are true, such Person so refusing or compelling as aforesaid, shall pay for the new Stamp- ing; but if not, the Owners of the Steelyards to pay for the same.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XI.

Passed 3d
June 1715.

An ACT against Embezzlement of Wills or Records within this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 132.*

Preamble.

FORASMUCH as there is not any sufficient Remedy provided against such as shall embezzle, alter or raze any Records of Deeds, for conveying of Land within this Province, or any Will, or Records of Wills, or other Deeds or Instruments, that shall any ways touch or concern the Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold of any Person whatsoever; and for that it is found necessary to make some Provision against such evil Practices;

Persons em-
bezzling, im-
pairing, &c.
of any Will,
or Record, to
the Damage
of any Per-
son's Estate,
or Freehold,
forfeit all
their Goods
and Lands,
and shall also
be pillored,
nailed and
cropped.

II. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same,* That in case any Person whatsoever, shall, at any Time hereafter, be legally convicted, by Confession or otherwise, of wilfully or corruptly embezzling, impairing, razing or altering any Will or Record within this Province, whereby the Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold of any Person whatsoever, shall be defeated, injured, or any ways altered, such Person so convicted, shall forfeit all his Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements; the one Half to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; the other Half to the Party grieved; and shall also be set in the Pillory for the Space of two Hours, and have both his Ears nailed thereto, and cut from off his Head.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XII.

Passed 3d
June 1715.

An ACT for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 133.*

N. B. This Act was Repealed by the temporary Law of 1753, *ch. 13*, since Expired; and stands at present under a Repeal, by a like temporary Law of 1763, *ch. 21*.

Preamble.

FORASMUCH as it is requisite that there be some Remedy for the Recovery of small Debts whereof the Courts of Judicature have no Jurisdiction.

In all Cases
wherein the
real Debt,
&c. doth not
exceed 400^{lb}
Tobacco, or
33s. 4d. in
Money, a
single Magis-
trate may de-
termine, &c.

II. *Be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same,* That in all such Cases wherein the real Debt or Damage doth not exceed Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Thirty-three Shillings and Four-pence in Money, it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of Peace, of each respective County wherein the Debtor doth reside, to try, hear and determine the Matter of Controversy between the Creditor and Debtor; and upon full hearing of the Allegations of both Parties, shall give Judgment accordingly; and, if Need be, charge the Constable with the Body of the Debtor in Execution, who is hereby obliged and empowered to carry the Person so committed to the Sheriff of the County, together with a Certificate or Mittimus from such Justice, wherein shall be certified the Debt and Cost whereof such Person shall be convicted, by him to be safely kept, until Satisfaction, or other End thereof. Or otherwise that such Justice shall award Execution, on such his Judgment (directed to the Sheriff of the County) by Warrant or Mittimus, in the Nature of a *Capias ad Satisfaciendum, Fieri facias*, or otherwise.

III. And