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shall pay the same out of the Public Stock of such School, if so much in their Hands; if not, then so much as shall be in their Hands, and the Residue when they shall receive so much for the Use of such School.

Such next of Kin receiving the Balance, shall give Administration-Bond with Security.

VI. **Provided also,** That in case such next of Kin shall receive such Balance from such Treasurer or Public Stock of Schools, he shall, and is hereby obliged, on (or before) such Receipt, to give such Administration Bond, with Security according to Law, to refund to such Administrator, such Sums as shall at any Time thereafter be made appear to be due from the Deceased's Estate, and by him regularly discharged, for which he has not been formerly allowed.

The Commissary-General, on Information of Concealment, may examine the Person complained of upon Oath, &c.

VII. **And whereas** many Widows, or others, having the Deceased's Effects in their Hands, and Right to the Administration thereof, designedly suffer other Persons to Administer, whose Mouths are easily stopped, with Part of the Estate's being delivered them, and bring only such Part of the Appraisement, to the great Dishonour of the Deceased, and Deceit of the Living: For Prevention whereof, as well as of frequent tedious Suits, for the detecting such Concealments; **Be it Enacted,** by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissary-General, for the Time being, on Information or Complaint of any such Concealment, to cause the Person so complained of to be examined upon Oath, before such Commissary-General, or Deputy-Commissary in such County where the Person lives, for the Discovery of such concealed Effects or Estates; upon such Discovery, and refusing or delaying to deliver the Effects so discovered, and to make Satisfaction for the same, to issue an Attachment against such Concealer, to oblige him, her or them to comply therewith.

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

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Passed 6th June 1719.

An ACT for the Encouragement of an Iron Manufacture, within this Province. *Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 445.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, That there are very great Conveniencies of carrying on Iron-Works within this Province, which have not hitherto been embraced for want of proper Encouragements to some first Undertakers, altho' the Consequences thereof might not only be considerably advantageous to the Persons immediately concerned therewith, but also to the Public Trade of *Great-Britain*, and this Province; and for that it may so happen that the Lands or Places most proper for the fixing Forge-Mills, and other Conveniencies for the carrying on such considerable Works, may happen to be within the Bounds of any Lands already reserved to his Lordship's Use, or such Lands as are in the Hands or Possession of Persons under Age, or unable to be at the Charge of carrying on such considerable Works, or else such as are wilfully obstinate, to the Hinderance of such Persons as would purchase such Lands or Places as should be fit for the carrying on so great Works, and setting them up, to the Increase of our Trade and Navigation, the Peopling of this Province, and to the Advantage of his Lordship, by the Encouraging the Taking-up such remote and barren Lands as are now entirely uselefs and uncultivated;

Writ of *ad quod Damnum* may be taken out for uncultivated Lands, to set up a Forging-Mill, &c.

II. **Be it Enacted,** by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his said Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons from and after the Publication hereof, shall desire to set up such Forging-Mill, and other Conveniencies for the carrying on such Iron-Works, upon any Land not before cultivated, next adjoining to any Run of Water within this Province, not being the Estate of Inheritance of such Under-