

peachment untill such next heir or neerer heir make claim and if such next or neerer heir make not clayme within ten years after the death of the ancestor such neerest heir liveing within the province Shall be admitted Tennant

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And if their be no guardian or heir liveing within the province to hold the land as aforesaid the Lord Proprietarie shall or may enter upon the Land (if it be immediately held from the Lord Proprietarie) or otherwise the Lord of whom the Land is holden and hold the same untill some heir to the partie deceased make clayme and then he shall be accomptable to the heir as a guardian ought to bee and if no clayme be made within three years then he shall hold it without account to his own use and if no clayme be made within ten Years from such death of the ancestor the Land shall escheat to the Lord of the fee

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And where any next heir or neerest heir liveing within the province is within the age of eighteen years and no will of the ancestor hath appointed him a guardian the Judge of the County Court wherein the land lyeth shall appoint a guardian or Curator to the heirs person and Land either the Mother of the heir (if she be a Widow and living within the province) or otherwise the neerest of kinne to the heir liveing within the Province to whom the Land is not immediately to descend or if their be no such Mother or kindred residing within the province then such person or persons as the said Judge shall think fitt who shall hold the Land without wast or Impeachment and shall be accomptable to the heir when he cometh to live within the Province or to the age of 18 years for the reasonable proffitts thereof with such allowance for his pains as the Judge receiveing the accompt shall think fitt Provided That no escheat of any Land by Vertue of this act be to the Lord Proprietarie untill all lawfull demands upon the Land be satisfied to Creditors recovering and any Creditor of the deceased makeing such proof in Court of his demand as shall satisfie the Court of the truth and Justness thereof and alleading that there is not sufficient Distress of goods may be admitted to enter upon the Land untill the debt be Satisfied according to the Value of the land held as it Shall be appraised before the Sherrif by two indifferent Neighbours upon oath This Act to continue till the end of the next Generall Assembly

An Act For assuring of Titles to Land

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Be it Enacted By the Lord Proprietarie of this province of and with the advice and approbation of the freemen of the same that the Register of every Court Shall keep a book of