

this Province, and all Legacies speedily Recorded and filiall portions & Orphan Estates duly secured and easily obtained ordained to the true intent of the Laws heretofore made now still in force or hereafter to be made Bee it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excell<sup>t</sup> Majesties by the advice and consent of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly and by the Authority of the same. That the Judge or Com<sup>is</sup>ssary Generall for the Probate of Wills and granting of Administrations shall hold his Court onc<sup>t</sup> in two months at the least or oftner as the case shall require, regard being had to the distance of habitation of the suiters of the said Court and the dispatch of Forrainers who have frequent occasions to seek Justice in the Court for probate of Wills and Granting Administration before the Judge thereof. And for as much as certainty is the mother of repose and that our dependance upon England oblige us to make all our Laws as near as may be consonant to the Laws of England Bee it further enacted by the authority aforesaid That the Judge for the probate of Wills & granting Letters of Administrations within this Province in all causes relating to Wills and granting Letters of Administrations shall proceed according to the Laws of England now in force or hereafter to be in force w<sup>th</sup>in twelve months after such Law shall be Published in the Kingdome of England if pleaded before him here, saving in such cases as shall in this Act be limitted or shall hereafter be limitted by Act of Assembly of this Province as utterly Impracticable in this Province Provided alwais th<sup>t</sup> it shall and may be lawfull for the Judge of probate of Wills to prove any last will in this Province even although it concern tittle to Land, any Law usage or custome to the contrary notwithstanding, And to the end that filiall porcōns may be secured to the children of all persons dying Intestate and Legacies paid to Legatees of persons who make wills Bee it likewise Enacted first that the Judge for Probate of Wills and granting of Administrations shall Call all Executors & Admin<sup>rs</sup> to Acco<sup>t</sup> for the Estates of persons deceased within twelve months next after administration comitted, And if any Administrator shall faile to give an Account within the time aforesaid being lawfully thereunto cited, That then the said Judge shall revoke the first Lett<sup>rs</sup> of Administration to such administrator committed and shall grant Administration de bonis non administrat. to some other person as in his discretion he shall think fitt, which said Administration duly appointed shall give security as all Administrators do and shall so sue and implead the former Administrators before the Judge afores<sup>d</sup> for an Account of the Estate of the Intestate, And in case it shall appear to the Judge aforesaid that the former Administrator hath wasted or

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