

Lib. L. L. secured and Easily obtained according to the true Intent of the Laws heretofore made (now in force) or hereafter to be made Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma^{ty} by and with the Advice and Consent of this Present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same That the Judge or Com̄issary Generall for Probat of Wills and Granting Administrations shall hold his Court once in Two Months att the least or oftener as the Case shall require regard being had to the distance of the habitations of the Suitors in the said Court and the dispatch of Persons not inhabiting in this Province who have frequent Occasions to Seek Justice in the Court for probate of Wills and Granting Administrations before the Judge thereof and for as much as Certeinty is the mother of Repose and that our Dependance upon England obliges us to make all our Laws as Near as may be Consonant to the Laws of England Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Judge for Probat of Wills and Granting Adm^rcons within this Province in all Cases relateing to Probate of Wills & Granting Administrations shall proceed According to the Laws of England now in force or to be hereafter in force

p. 298 within Twelve Months after Such Law shall be published in the Kingdom of England if pleaded before him Saveing in such Cases as by this present Act is Provided And that it shall and may be Lawfull for the Judge for Probat of Wills to prove any Last Will in this Province although the Same Concerne Title to Land any Law usage or Custom of England to the Contrary Notwithstanding And to the end that all filial Portions may be secured to the Children of all persons Dying Intestate and Legacyes paid to Legatees of Psons who make Wills Be it Likewise Enacted First that the Judge for Probate of Wills and granting of Adm^rcons shall Call all Executors and Administrators to account for the Estate of all Persons dec^d within Twelve months next after Administration Com̄itted & if any Administrator shall faile to give an Accompt within the time aforesaid being Lawfully thereunto Called that then the Said Judge shall revoak the first Letters of Administration to such Adm^r Com̄itted & shall Grant Administration de bonis non Adm^rtis to some other person as in his discretion he shall think fitt which said Administrator duly Appointed shall give Security as all other Adm^{rs} do and shall Sue and Implead the former Administrator before the Judge af^d for an Acc^t of the Estate of the intestate and in Case it Shall Appear to the Judge af^d that the former Adm^r hath Wasted or imbezled the Estate of the intestate Iudge shall Assigne the Bond Entred into by the former Adm^r and his Surety unto the latter Adm^r to be relieved against them for such Wasting or Imbezling, That the Iudge upon Account Given by the first Administrator as afore-