

this Act Mentioned which shall be Imported in any such C. P. Ship or Vessell—

Provided the said Servants Negroes or Liquors are brought into the Capes of Chesapeak Bay or into any the Inletts on the Seabord Side of Somerset County in any of the a^d Ships or Vessells and not taken on board in the said Bay or any Creek or River thereto belonging or from on board any other Ship or Vessell whatsoever within ten Leagues of the Capes of the said Bay any thing in this Act or any other Law Statute or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamen- p. 218
tary Affairs granting Adminis^rcons recovery of Legacies
Secureing filiall portions and distribution of Intestates
Estates.

Whereas for the due Administration of Justice itt is most necessary that the wills of all persons may be duly proved and Executed and Lrēs of Administracōn of the Estates of all persons dying without wills may be granted to such persons who have the best right to Succeed thereto and all Legacies Speedily recovered and filiall portions and orphans Estates duly secured and Easily obtained according to Law and Justice—

Be itt Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Cons^t of his Majesties Govern^r Councill and Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same that the Judge or Com^{ry} Gen^{ll} for probatt of wills and granting Administracōns shall hold his Court once in Two months at the Least or oft^{ner} as the Case shall require and therein shall proceed according to the Laws of England now in force or hereafter to be in force within twelve months after such Laws shall be published in the Kingdome of Great Brittain if pleaded before him Saving in such Cases as by this present Act is provided And that itt shall and may be Lawfull for the Judge for probatt of wills to take the probatt or Cause to be proved any Last will or Testament within this province altho' the same Concernes Titles of Land any Law Statute Usage or Custome to the Contrary notwithstanding.

And to the end that all filiall portions may be secur^d to the p. 219
Children of all persons dying Intestate and Legacys paid to
Lagatees of persons making wills or Testaments

Be itt Likewise Enacted by the Authority a^d by and with the Advice and Consent a^d first, that the Judge for probatt of wills and granting adminis^rns shall call all Ex^{ers} and Adminis^{ers} to Exhibitt Inventorys within three months and render