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1694-1702.
Acts
Acts of 1694,
ch. 27
(Repealed
by 1700,
ch. 8)

An Act for Easement of the Inhabitants of this Province in Testametary Affaires.

Be it Enacted by the King & Queens most Excell^t Ma^{ty}s by and with the advice & consent of this present Gen^rall Assembly and the Authority of the same that the severall & respective County [Courts] within this Province shall & are hereby sufficiently authorised and impowred to Pass Audite & allow all such Accompts as shall come before them relating to dead mens Estates wherein they have granted Letters of Administracōns or Letters Testamentary not exceeding Fifty pounds sterling. And to Transmitt the same to the Co^mmiss^{ry} Generall For which passing of such Accounts the said Deputy Commiss^{ry} is to be allowed for Fee the Sume of Fifty pounds of Tobaccoe & noe more. And if such Deputy Commissary, as aforesaid, shall exact demand or receive of any person whatsoever more then what is by this or any other Law for executing such his office allowed him; he shall be lyable to such paines and penalytes as are included in a certen Act for Lymitting County Clerks Fees within this Province. But in case it shall soe happen that any person or persons whatsoever having any Interest or Clayme in such Estates shall make any Objeccōns to the Legallity or Justness of any Article or Articles conteyned in the said Accounts Then the said Deputy Commissaryes are forthwith to marke such Articles and Transmitt the Accounts with all the Papers thereunto relating unto the Commissary Generall before whom all partyes concerned are to appeare and defend their Interest.

Acts of 1694,
ch. 28
(Repealed
by 1700
ch. 8)

An Act for Releife of Debtors.

Whereas severall honest well disposed persons within this Province being indebted (to divers persons Merchants & others) & well disposed to pay the same and taking care thereof by Providing the Tobacco. But often tymes it so happens that because imediate Opportunity or Conveniency doth not offer to the Creditor to dispose thereof they doe frequently refuse neglect and delay to receive the said Tobacco in discharge of the debts whereby the Debtor remains in debt and the Tobacco by him procured to pay the said Debt remains in his hands subject to all Casualties on the Debtors account and which he dares not make use of for fear of his Creditor demanding and Suing after for the debt For Remedy whereof for the future Be it Enacted by the King & Queens most Excellent Ma^{ty}s by and with the Advice & Consent of this present Gen^rall Assembly and the Authority of the same That any person or persons whatsoever inhabiting within this Province and now being or that hereafter shall be Indebted to any Merchants or others either Resident in or trading to this Province, that hath his Tobaccoe ready according to the nature of his debt he owes and is willing to pay the same, and hath offered it to his Creditor Factor or Attorney and by him or them refused