

forme the same, & oath made of the Refusall thereof It shall be lawful for the said Judge to issue forth of the said Office under his hand & seale an Attachment against the bodyes of such persons so refusing & him or them to Imprison untill he or they satiesfie & Comply with the said sentence or give in good securitie to doe the same, this Law not to barr the said Judge to proceed against persons not complying with Sentences given before the makeing of this act according to the former usadge & custome to compell them to the same. And whereas the long & tedious returnes of the proceedings of the Deputy Commissaryes of the severall Counties to the office for probate of Wills occasions great delay of business in the said office; Be it further Enacted by the authority afforesaid by & with the advice & consent afforesaid, that all & every Deputy Commissary within this Province shall once in three months at the least return what proceedings are in their hands into the said office, that the same may be duely entred & Reccorded; And be it further Enacted by the Authority afforesaid by & with the advice & consent afforesaid, that all & every County Clerke or Clerkes within this Province shall return into the Office for probate of wills & granting of Administracōns all the proceedings of their severall Justices of their severall & respective County Courts in the proveing of Wills & granting of Administracōns from the begining of the late Revolution to this present day & all Bonds taken in those matters upon penallty of one Thousand pounds of tobacco that so what matters are there left unfinished for want of power in them, May be perfected by the said Judge for probate of Wills &c<sup>a</sup> as the Law requires, And further that the Justices of every County Court shall yearly & every year sometime in the month of March transmitt and send to the said Judge for probate of wills for the time being, their price currant of Tobacco in their severall & respective Counties, that so the said Judge may allow the Same to Administrators & Executors in makeing up their accounts; And whereas Orphans & Creditors are many times injured by the low appraisement & under vallueing of the Estates of the deceased; Therefore Be it Enacted by the Authority afforesaid, by & with the advice & consent afforesaid, that when any Executor or Administrator doth appraise the Estate of the deceased, he shall give notice of such his appraisement and call together two of the next of kin to the said deceased & two of the Creditors of the said deceased if any then be, who shall be present at the said appraisement with the sworn Appraisers & shall certifiye to the Commissary or to his Deputy under their hands that they were present at the appraisement & doe approve thereof, and if any Executor or Administrator Return any Inventory without such Certificate as afforesaid The said Judge or his deputy in each respective County of this Province shall not accept or Receive the same into his or their office, This act to Endure for three years or to the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

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