

jefty's Dominions, it shall and may be lawful for any such *Femme Covert* to acknowledge such Deed, and be examined a-part from, and out of the Hearing of her Husband, before the Mayor of some Corporation within *Great-Britain* or *Ireland*, or before one of the Justices of the Supreme or Provincial Court, of such Province, or Colony, within his Majesty's Dominions, Whether she doth make her Acknowledgment of the same, willingly and freely, and without being induced thereto by Fears or Threats of, or ill Usage by her Husband, or Fear of his Displeasure? And the Mayor, or Justice, so taking such Acknowledgment as aforesaid, and certifying the said Examination and Acknowledgment, by an Endorsement upon such Deed or Writing under his Hand, and the Seal of such Corporation, where taken before a Mayor, or the Seal of the Province, or Colony, within his Majesty's Dominions, where taken, and a Certificate of such private Examination and Acknowledgment, so as aforesaid to be taken and made, shall be adjudged and deemed good and available in Law, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, to bar such *Femme Covert* of her Right of Inheritance, or Dower, as the Case may be, to said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, according to the Purport of such Deed, or Acknowledgment, as fully and effectually as if, at the Time of executing and acknowledging such Deed, she had been residing within this Province, and had here made such Acknowledgment, agreeable to the Direction of the aforesaid Act, and no further, or otherwise; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

C H A P. VIII.

or before one Justice of the Supreme Court in any *British* Colony,

and endorsed on the Deed, under Seal of the Corporation, &c.

shall be effectual to bar her Rights.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. IX.

*An Act for the destroying Squirrels and Crows, in the several Counties therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 563. EXP.* Passed 23<sup>d</sup> June 1752.

To remain in Force 3 Years, &c. Continued farther by 1755, ch. 3; and expired in December 1758, when a new Law was made.

C H A P. X.

*An Act directing the former Sheriffs of the several Counties within this Province, their Heirs, Executors or Administrators, to account with the Justices of the several County Courts for the Tobacco therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 564.* Ditto.

<sup>c</sup> Viz. 1<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco per Poll, collected in Pursuance of an Order of Council, dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 1744, hereby directed to be applied by the Justices of the several County Courts towards defraying their several County Charges.

C H A P. XI.

*An Act continuing an Act, entitled, "An Act for ascertaining the Allowance of Petit Jurors attending the Provincial Court; to limit Costs with respect to Witnesses, and for settling their Allowance, as to itinerant Charges. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 565. EXP.* Ditto.

<sup>d</sup> 1749, ch. 2, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XII.

*An Act continuing an Act, entitled, "An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province; and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 565. EXP.* Ditto.

<sup>c</sup> 1749, ch. 8, hereby continued 'til the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1753.

C H A P. XIII.

*An ACT for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted, for any Criminal Matter. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 566.* Ditto.

**W**HEREAS many indigent Persons, or Strangers, have been necessarily, for want of Sureties to appear as Witnesses, committed to Prison, by Means whereof such Persons have been often Sold as Servants, for the Prison Fees arising upon such Commitment, or otherwise detained in Prison for such Fees, to their great Damage, and Loss to the Public, in the Labour of such Person or Persons.

Preamble.