

intent, as by the words thereof shall appear to have been the true intendment of the parties thereunto, albeit the same shall not happen to be drawn and penned in such strict formal manner as is used in England, and other countries, where the advice of council, learned in the laws of the country, may be easily had, in the drawing and penning of instruments of the like nature.

5. **PROVIDED ALWAYS,** That where any married woman, or *feme covert* shall happen to be named a party, grantor in any such writing indented, the same shall not be of force to debar her, or her heirs, except (upon her acknowledgment of the same) the person or persons taking such her acknowledgment, shall examine her privately and secretly, out of the hearing of her husband, "whether she do make such acknowledgment willingly and freely, and without being induced thereunto, by any force or threats used by her husband, or through fear of his displeasure?" And that, upon such examination, she shall own the said acknowledgment to be free and voluntary. And that the person or persons so examining her, shall, in the note or certificate of the caption of the said acknowledgment, certify such her examination and acknowledgment thereupon. And that such certificate be likewise enrolled upon record. In which case only every such *feme covert* shall be barred, and not otherwise; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Femme Covert to be examined apart from her husband, before taking her acknowledgment.

6. **PROVIDED ALSO,** That no such writing indented, shall be at any time enrolled within this province, before the receiver-general of the lord proprietary of this province for the time being, or the deputy or deputies of such receiver-general for the time being, shall set his or their *Recepimus* thereunto, if any fine for alienation for the said land be due, and by the original grant reserved; any thing to the contrary hereof, in this act, notwithstanding.

Alienation fines to be paid before enrolment.

7. **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That all laws for enrolment of conveyances, and securing the estate of purchasers, heretofore made, be hereby repealed.

Former acts repealed.

CHAP. III.

An act concerning the impannelling of the Grand Inquest in the several Counties within this Province. Lib. C and WH. fol. 229. Lib. WH. fol. 102. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 78.

Passed 6th of June 1674.

For 3 years, &c. Continued by several reviving acts. Expired 1692.

CHAP. IV.

An act for the Surveyor-General's Fees, with Addition of Fees upon Resurveys, and for levying the same. Lib. C and WH. fol. 230. Lib. WH. fol. 103, and Lib. WH and L. fol. 79.

Ditto

For 3 years, &c. Continued by several reviving acts, till its expiration in 1692.

CHAP. V.

An act for the payment of Fees due from criminal Persons. Lib. C and WH. fol. 232. Lib. WH. fol. 104. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 80.

Ditto.

For 3 years, &c. Expired after several revivals, in 1692. A new act made that year, ch. 81.