

APPENDIX.

1692. At an Assembly, held at the City of St. Mary's, on the 10th day of May, Anno Domini, 1692, and in the 4th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queen, &c. and ended the 9th day of June following:

HIS EXCELLENCY

LYONEL COPLEY, ESQ. GOVERNOR,

AMONGST OTHERS THE FOLLOWING LAWS WERE ENACTED, TO WIT:

CHAP. XIII.

Passed 9th June
1692

An Act for Quieting of Possessions. Lib. LL. No. 1, fol. 41. Lib. W H. and L. fol. 70. and Lib. LL. No. 2, fol. 44.

* 1671, ch. 6.

FORASMUCH as a good and beneficial law*, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, was made the seven and twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and one, in this province, which by the use thereof hath been found very much conducing to the benefit of the people of the said province.

1. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, *by the King and Queen's Most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the authority of the same,* That all sales, gifts and grants, at any time before the said seven and twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventy-one, and not after, of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, within this province, by any person or persons whatsoever that right had to sell, give or grant such lands, tenements or hereditaments, made by writing only, with or without seal, shall forever hereafter be accounted good and available in law to bar the heirs and executors of such vendors, donors or grantors, any error in the former only of such writing to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. AND FORASMUCH as divers assignments of patents (written on the backside of such patents) for land, are now worn out, and also many other sales in paper, either worn out, or quite lost, for which the purchase money hath been *bona fide* paid; BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That all sales, gifts or grants, at any time before the day and year aforesaid, made by persons that right had as aforesaid, if either the sale, gift or grant, or payment *bona fide*, can be proved by witness, such sale shall forever hereafter be accounted good and available in law to bar the heirs and executors of such vendors, donors or grantors, or other persons claiming dower from such vendor, donor or grantor, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

N. B. This act, *mutatis mutandis*, was re-enacted in 1715, ch 47, s. 1 and 2.