

posed shall be disposed of or employ'd as the Justices of the respective County shall think fit, the Produce to be appropriated towards the relief of the Poor.

XXI. Every Woman Servant, having a Bastard Child, and not able to prove the Father, shall only be liable to satisfy the Damages sustain'd, by her Servitude, or otherwise as the Court shall see convenient. If such Mother do prove the charge by sufficient testimony of Witnesses, Confession of the Party, or pregnant Circumstances agreeing with her declaration in her extremity of Pains, and her Oath before a Magistrate, then the Party charged, if a Servant, shall satisfy half the damage, if a Freeman, then the whole damage by Servitude or otherwise. And if the Mother can prove by Testimony, or Confession of the Party, that the Father, being a single Person and a Freeman, did before her getting with Child promise her Marriage, it shall be at his choice to perform his Promise, or recompence her abuse according as the Court shall adjudge.

XXII. The Provincial and County Courts may hear and determine any complaints between Masters and Servants by way of Petition, give Judgment, and award Execution upon the same. And upon Appeal no such Judgment shall be revert for any matter of Form, &c. Provided it appears by Record, that the Defendant was legally summoned, and not condemn'd unheard, &c.

Settlements.

I. *An. 4. W. & M. 1692. p. 18.* All Sales, Gifts and Grants, at any time before the 27th of *March 1671*, of any Lands within this Province, by any person who had right to Sell or Grant, made by Writing only, with or without Seal, shall for ever hereafter be good and valid in Law, any error in the Form only of such Writing notwithstanding.

II. All Sales, &c. at any time before the day and year aforesaid, made by persons who right had, if such Sale, &c. or payment of the Purchase money *bona fide*, can be proved by witness, shall for ever hereafter be good and available in Law, to bar the Heirs, or any person claiming Dower from such Vendor or Grantor.