

of Justice but that it may be duly administered within this Province  
and all legacies speedily recovered and filiall portions and Orphan  
Estates duly secured and easily obtained according to the true intent  
of the Lawes heretofore made (now still in force) or hereafter to be made  
Be it enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by the  
advice and consent of this present Generall assembly and by the  
Authority of the same that the Judge or Comissioner Generall for probat  
of wills and granting of Administracions shall hold his Court once in two  
moneths at the least or oftner as the case shall require regard being  
had to the distanced of the habitable habitations of the suitors in the  
said Court and the dispatch of foreigners who have frequent occasions  
to seek Justice in the Court for probat of wills and granting of Administracions  
before the Judge thereof, and for as much as certainty is the mother of  
Justice and that our Dependence upon England obliges us to make all  
our Lawes as near as may be consonant to the Lawes of England Be it  
further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Judge for probat  
of wills and granting of Administracions within this Province in all cases  
relating to probat of wills and granting of Administracions shall proceed  
according to the Lawes of England now in force or hereafter to be in  
force within twelve moneths after such Law shall be published in the  
Kingdoms of England if pleaded before him here save in such cases as  
shall in this Act be limited or shall hereafter be limited by Act of assembly  
of this Province as utterly impracticable in this Province Provided  
always that it shall and may be Lawfull for the Judge for probat of wills  
to prove any last will in this Province even though it concerneth the  
land any Law usage or customs of the Kingdoms of England to the contrary  
notwithstanding and to the end that filiall portions may be secured to the  
Children of all persons dying intestate and legacies paid to legataries of  
persons who make wills Be it likewise enacted first that the Judge for  
probat of wills and granting of Administracions shall call all Executors and Admin.  
to account for the Estates of all persons deceased within twelve moneths next  
after Administracion committed and if any Admin. shall fail to give an account  
within the tyme aforesaid being Lawfully thereunto cited that then the  
the said Judge shall revoke the first letters of Administracion to such Admin.  
committed and shall grant Administracion to bonis non administrat. to some