

An Act for the better Administration of
Justice in Probate of Wills granting Administra-
tions recovery of Legacies and securing filial
Portions.

Whereas for the more due Administration of Justice
it is most necessary that there be a settled Succession from the Dead to the
living and that the Wills of all persons dying (who in their lifetime
make their Wills) may be duly proved and Letters of Administration
of all Persons dying without wills may be granted to such persons who
have the best right to succeed thereto, That there may in that case be
no failure of Justice, but that it may be duly Administred within this
Province, and all Legacies specilly Recorded, and filial portions &
Orphans Estates duly secured and easily obtained ordained to the true
intent of the Lawr heretofore made now still in force, or hereafter
to be made. **Be** it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excell.
Majesties by the advice and consent of this present Gen.^l Assembly
and by the Authority of the same, That the Judge or Commissary
Generall for the Probate of Wills and granting of Administrations
shall hold his Court onct in two Months at the least or oftner as
the case shall require, regard being had to the distance of habita-
tion of the Suitors of the said Court and the dispatch of Terrainers
who have frequent occasions to seek Justice in the Court for pro-
bate of Wills and Granting Administrations before the Judge
thereof. And for as much as certainty is the matter of repose, and
that