

that our dependance upon England obliges us to make all our Laws as  
near as may be consonant to the Laws of England. **Bee it further enacted**  
by the authority aforesaid That the Judge for the probate of Wills & granting  
Letters of Administrations within this Province in all causes relating to  
Wills and granting Letters of Administrations, shall proceed according  
to the Laws of England now in force or hereafter to be in force v.<sup>18</sup> in  
twelve Months after such Law shall be published in the Kingdome of  
England if pleaded before him here, saving 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  
it shall and may be lawfull for the Judge of probate of Wills to prove  
any last will in this Province even although it concern little to Land, any  
Law usage or custome to the contrary notwithstanding. And to the  
end that filial persons may be secured to the children of all persons  
dying intestate and Legacies paid to Legatees of persons who make  
Wills. **Bee it likewise enacted** first that the Judge for Probate of Wills  
and granting of Administrations shall call all Executors & Admin.  
to Acco<sup>t</sup> for the Estates of persons deceased within twelve Months  
next after administration committed, And if any Administrator  
shall fail to give an Account within the time aforesaid being lawfully  
thereunto cited, Then then the said Judge shall revoke the first Lett.<sup>t</sup>  
of Administration to such administrator committed, and shall grant  
Administration de bonis non administratis to some other person  
as in his discretion he shall think fit, which said Administrator  
only appointed shall give security as all Administrators do.