

found guilty thereof by confession or by verdict of twelve Men in any Court of Record within this Province shall have judgment to restore four fold to the party grieved and stand in the Pillory two hours during the Court time with his offence fairly written in Paper & placed on the back of such convict person.

Provided that no person be prosecuted upon this Act after one Year & a Day from the time of the Fact committed.

An Act for the publication of all Laws within this Province.

TO the End that no person may be ignorant of the Laws in this Province, Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that from henceforward all the Acts that shall pass from this and all the succeeding Assemblies shall be from time to time fairly Transcribed into Parchment and by Writt under the great Seal of this Province from time to time by the Chancellor for the time being to the Sherif of each respective County to be transmitted and Commandment to them in the said Writts shall be given the said Acts in their severall and respective Countys at their next County Court to publish and proclaim to be firmly observed and kept.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every severall & respect-County shall from time to time pay to the Chancellor for the time being for such transcript of the Laws so much Tobacco as by the said General Assembly in which the said Laws are made shall be assessed and allowed.

Provided always, that because there is not Parchment now to be had in this Province for transcribing the Laws of this present Sessions to be sent to the Countys that for this Sessions only good Paper shall be accepted to transcribe the severall Laws in.

An Act for the better administration of Justice in Probat of Wills & granting Administrations recovering of Legacys & securing Filial Portions.

WH E R E A S for due administration of Justice it is most necessary that the Wills of all Persons may be duely proved and Letters of Administration of the Estates of all persons dying without Wills may be granted to such persons who have the best right to succeed thereto and all Legacys speedily recover'd & Filial Portions & Orphans Estates duly secured & easily obtained according to the true intent of the Laws heretofore made now in force or hereafter to be made.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that the Judge or Commissary General for Probat of Wills & granting Administrations shall hold his Court once in two Months at the least or oftner as the case shall require and therein shall proceed according to the Law of *England* now in force or to be hereafter in force within Twelve Months after such Law shall be published in the Kingdom of *England* if pleaded before him, saving in such cases as by this present Act is provided, and that it shall & may be lawful for the Judge for Probat of Wills to prove any Last Will within this Province altho' the same concern Titles of Land, any Law Usage or Custom of *England* to the contrary notwithstanding.

And to the end that all Filial Portions may be secured to the children of all persons dying intestate and Legacys paid to Legatees of persons making Wills, Be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, first that the Judge for Probat of Wills & granting Administrations shall call all Executors and Administrators to Account for the Estate of all persons decess'd 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, that then the said Judge if he see just cause may revoke the first Letters 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 duly appointed shall give security as all other Administrators do and shall sue and implead the former Administrator before the Judge aforesaid for an account of the Estate of the intestate, and in case it shall appear to the Judge aforesaid that the former Administrator hath wasted and imbezeled the Estate of the Intestate, then the Judge shall assign the Bond entred into by the former Administrator & his security unto the latter Administrator to be relieved against them for such wasting or imbezeling.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, that when a full Account is made by any Administrator of any Intestates Estate the Judge aforesaid shall make distribution of the surplusage of such Estate in

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And if fail to account then
then to be revoked.