

ing as the Court before whom such matter is brought shall adjudge.

And be it further Enacted by the authority advice & consent aforesaid, that after the End of this Sessions of Assembly it shall & may be lawful for the Provincial & County Courts of this Province to hear & determine any complaints between Masters & Servants by way of Petition to give Judgment & award Execution upon the same, & that upon Appeal or Writt of Error brought upon the same from any County Court of this Province to the Provincial Court or from the Provincial Court to the Governour and Council no such Judgment shall be reverted for want of Judicial Process or that the same was not tryed by a Jury or any matter of form either in the Entry or giving Judgment, provided it appears by the Record that the Defendant was legally summoned and not contemnd or heard.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Servants imported into this Province or any Servant that binds himself for years within this Province or any bound out by the County Courts of this Province that if any matter of dispute arises either in relation to their Indentures Contracts or wages or any other matter of difference between the said Master and Servant the same shall be tryed heard and determined by Petition as aforesaid any Law Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that no Negro or other Slave within this Province shall be permitted to carry any Gun or any other offensive Weapon from off their Masters Land without lycense from the said Master, & if any Negro or other Slave shall presume so to do he shall be llyable to be carry'd before a Justice of Peace & be whipt & his gun or other offensive weapon shall be forfeited to him as shall seize the same & carry such Negro so offending before a Justice of Peace.

And Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, that from & after the end of this Sessions of Assembly any Servant or Servants whatsoever within this Province that shall feloniously rake or purloyn his or their Master Mistress or Dames Goods or Chattels under the value of one thousand pounds of Tobacco shall be adjudged Felony. & being thereof lawfully convicted in any County Court of this Province shall be adjudg'd to pay four times the value of such Goods so purloyn'd to his or their Master Mistress or Dame which he she or they shall make good by service after the expiration of the first time of service & shall also suffer such pains of whipping or pillorying as the Justices before whom such matter is brought shall adjudge.

*An Act for Quietting of Possessions Inrolling Conveyances and Securing the Estates of Purchasers.*

**F**ORASMUCH as a good and beneficial Law Intituled *An Act for quietting of Possessions* was made the 27th Day of March Anno Domini 1671 in this Province which by the use thereof hath been found very much conducing to the benefit of the said Province.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Content of her Majesty's Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that all Sales Gifts & Grants at any time before the 13th day of April 1674 (and not after) of any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments within this Province by any person or persons whatsoever that had right to sell give or grant such Lands Tenements or Hereditaments made by Writing only with or without Seal shall for ever hereafter be accounted good & available in Law to bar the heirs of such Vendors Donors or Grantors any Error in the form only of such Writing to the contrary notwithstanding.

And forasmuch as divers Assignments of Patents written on the backside of such Patent for Land are now worn out and also other Sales in Paper either worn out or quite lost for which the purchase Money hath been bona fide paid.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that all Sales Gifts or Grants at any time before the said 13th day of April 1674 made by persons that right had as aforesaid if either the Sale Gift Grant or Payment bona fide can be proved by Witnesses such sale gift or grant shall for ever hereafter be accounted good & available in Law to bar the heirs of such vendors donors or grantors or any person claiming Dower from such vendor donor or grantor any Law usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid that all sales & grants of any Lands Tenements & Hereditaments made by Deed Intented & Inroled since the said 13th day of April 1674 or that hereafter shall be so made & inroled shall be good & available in Law without Livery of Seizin.

And whereas in the Year of our Lord 1674 and in the Forty Second Year of the Dominion

*Handwritten notes in the left margin, including phrases like "differences between", "imported", "years", "land without license", "goods under", "selling", "filling", "gold".*