

C H A P.
VIII.

of the Province. So that many Irregularities in the Land-Office, such as are mentioned above, must unavoidably have happened; which were speedily rectified on the Settlement of the Government under the Crown, and Removal of the Restraints (by repeated Royal Orders and Instructions sent in to that Purpose) which had impeded his Lordship's Officers in the Execution of their Duty. And accordingly the last Section of this Act is not recorded in *Lib. WH and L**, as being thought no longer necessary, the several Demands therein mentioned, having been immediately answered and complied with.

C H A P. IX.

Passed 9th of June 1692. *An Act for Appeals, and regulating Writs of Error. Lib. LL. fol. 32. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 18. REP. 1694, ch. 18.*

A new Act made 1695, ch. 19.

C H A P. X.

Ditto. *An Act for the Easement of the Inhabitants of this Province, in Suits at Law for small Debts. Lib. LL. fol. 37. and Lib. WH. and L*. fol. 84. REP.*

C H A P. XI.

Ditto. *An Act for the due Recording of all the Laws of this Province, in the Secretary's Office. Lib. LL. fol. 39. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 69.*

A new Act 1699, ch. 32.

C H A P. XII.

Ditto. *An Act ascertaining what Damages shall be allowed upon Protested Bills of Exchange. Lib. LL. fol. 40. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 85. EXP.*

To be in Force 3 Years, or to the End of the next Session. Continued 1694, ch. 16, and 1695, ch. 16 and 26. A new Act made 1699, ch. 5.

C H A P. XIII.

Ditto. *An Act for Quieting of Possessions. Lib. LL. fol. 41. Lib. WH and L*. fol. 70. and Lib. LL. N^o 2. fol. 44.*

N. B. This Act, *mutatis mutandis*, is re-enacted in 1715, ch. 47, §. 1 and 2, with this Difference only, that the present Act only confirms Sales, Gifts, Grants and Assignments of Patents, under the Circumstances therein mentioned, made before the 27th March 1671; whereas the Act of 1715, ch. 47, §. 1 and 2, confirms all such Sales, Gifts, &c. made before the 13th April 1674, viz. till the Act of 1671, ch. 6, ceased to operate, being then-superseded by the Act of 1674, ch. 2.

C H A P. XIV.

Ditto. *An Act for the Publication of Marriages. Lib. LL. fol. 43. Lib. WH. and L*. fol. 71. and Lib. LL. N^o 2. fol. 49. REP.*

A new Law made 1704, ch. 72.

C H A P. XV.

Ditto. *An Act relating to Servants and Slaves. Lib. LL. fol. 45. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 91. REP.*

A new Act made 1699, ch. 43.

C H A P. XVI.

Ditto. *An ACT for Punishment of Persons suborning of Witnesses, or committing wilful and corrupt Perjury. Lib. LL. fol. 55. Lib. WH and L*. fol. 115. and Lib. LL. N^o 2. fol. 27.*

N. B. This Law is declared to remain and be in full Force, by 1705, ch. 8.

Preamble.

WHEREAS several Persons, void of Grace, and the Dread of the Almighty, have, and do still continue, for small Profits accruing to themselves, to commit wilful and corrupt Perjury, or cause or procure the same to be committed, either out of a Design for the Reasons and Purposes aforesaid, or merely to revenge an imaginary Injury done them, to the great Prejudice of divers of their Majesty's loyal Subjects, inhabiting within this Province. **And forasmuch** as the Laws for this Province heretofore made, for the Prevention of the like Mischiefs and Inconveniencies, have, upon a mature and deliberate Consideration, by this present General Assembly, been found altogether inconsistent with the Constitution of this Province, or the Laws of *England*, in such Cases made and provided:

Inconsistency
of former
Laws.

II. **Be it therefore Enacted** by the King and Queen's most excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the Publication hereof, shall unlawfully or corruptly procure any Witness or Witnesses,