

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Persons who have taken up Lots and erected Frames in such Towns, shall have and enjoy a good, sure and Indefeazable Estate of Inheritance to them and their Heirs, in such Lots so improved upon, notwithstanding they have not Complied with the exact Prescriptions and directions of the aforesaid Town-Laws.

An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, granting Administrations, Recovery of Legacies, securing Filial Portions, and Distribution of Intestates Estates.

WHEREAS for the due Administration of Justice, it is most necessary that the Wills of all Persons may be duly Proved and Executed, 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 Legacies speedily Recovered, and Filial Portions and Orphan's Estates duly secured, and easily obtained, according to Law and Justice, Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, That the Judge or Commissary General for Probate of Wills and 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 Laws of England now in force, or to be hereafter in force within Twelve Months after such Laws shall be published in the Kingdom of Great Britain, if pleaded before him, saving in such Cases, as by this Present Act is provided; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Judge for Probate of Wills to take the Probate or Cause to be proved, any last Will or Testament within this Province, altho' the same Concerns Titles of Land, any Law, statute, Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Courts to be held for Testamentary Affairs every two Months,

And to proceed according to the Laws of England, &c

Where this Act is Silent, The Judges authority in Probate of Wills.

And to the End that all Filial Portions may be secured to the Children of all Persons dying Intestate, and Legacies paid to Legatees of Persons making Wills or Testaments, Be it Likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid, First, That the Judge for Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations, shall call all Executors and Administrators to exhibit Inventories within Three Months, and render account within Twelve Months next after Administration committed, of the Personal Estates of such deceased Persons; and if any Administrator shall fail to exhibit such Inventory, or give an Account within the time aforesaid, being lawfully thereunto cited, that then the said Judge, if he see just cause, may issue forth Process of Attachment against such Administrator, to oblige him, her or them, as well to exhibit an Inventory, or render Account, as aforesaid, as to answer for his or their Contempt of such former Process after the Usual manner; and in case such Administrator shall not render such Account, or exhibit such Inventory until two several Attachments shall be returned to two separate Courts against such Administrators, either that the Administrators hath been attached, or is not found in the County where they live, it shall and may be lawful for the said Judge to revoke the first Letters of Administration to such Administrator committed, and shall grant Administration, de bonis non Administratis, to such as shall

In calling Executors and Administrators to Account

And citing or attaching them to Account and for Contempt and on failure after two Attachments, Administration may be revoked.

And Letters De Bonis non Grantted,