

Effects, for the best Advantage of the Persons to whom due, and return the same to such residuary Legatees or Kindred, as aforesaid, that then the Commissary General shall allow to such Executor or Administrator the usual Salary allowed by Merchants to their Factors, (*viz.*) Ten *per Cent.* And whereas it sometimes happens, that Persons of great Dealing, dying in this Province, have their Books very imperfect, so that it cannot be exactly known what Debts are due upon such Books, unless the Executor or Administrator takes the Pains to carry about such Books from one supposed Creditor to another, to state the Accounts, which many times proves a considerable Toil to the Executor and Administrator, and requires a very great deal of Trouble and Charge, and many times there appear Discounts or Defazances, or Receipts, to debar such Book-Debts, or the Debtors, where the Accounts are old, are insolvent, or the like; and the Executors or Administrators for such their great Pains and Diligence have hitherto had no Allowance: Therefore, lest it should be a Discouragement to Executors and Administrators, that having no Salary therefore, they should be negligent or too sparing of Pains to improve the Testators, or others Estates; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That where the Executor or Administrator can fairly make appear to the Commissary General, that he hath had such considerable Toil, as aforesaid, and no Benefit hath arisen to him thereby to recompence his said Toil, it may be lawful to and for the said Commissary General to allow such Executor or Administrator something in the whole for such Pains and Desperate Debts, at the Discretion of such Commissary General, not exceeding Five *per Cent.* on any One Man's Estate; but for such Part of the Deceased's Estate, that shall remain (after all Debts and Charges paid and disbursed, and Account past before the Commissary General) to residuary Legatees, or other Legatees, or next of Kindred, and delivered to them in Specie, without traversing the Estate, and converting it into Money or Tobacco for that Purpose, there shall be no Salary allowed; Any Usage, Custom, or former Act of Assembly, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Thirteenthly, And further, in Regard by the Judges or Commissary General for Probate of Wills, and granting Administrations, his Commission there is a Saving to all Persons their Right of Appeal from the Sentence of the said Judge to the Chief Governor of this Province for the time being; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons appealing from the Sentence of the said Judge, shall, within Fifteen Days at the farthest after such Sentence, enter his Appeal before the Governor, and within Fifteen Days more petition the Governor of this Province for the time being, to examine the Sentence of the said Judge, or appoint such other Person or Persons, as he shall think fit, to hear and determine the same, whose Sentence shall be final without other Appeal, Repeal, or Review: Provided nevertheless, in case the Person or Persons, against whom such Sentence shall pass, shall comply with the same, then it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or such Court of Delegates, to grant an Appeal therefrom.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Commissary General of this Province, or other Person or Persons, that shall, from time to time, be appointed as Judge or Judges in Testamentary Causes for granting Administrations, shall, from time to time, and at all times, during his or their Continuance in such Office, constitute, ordain, and appoint some able and sufficient Person of good Repute, and a Freeholder, in every respective County within this Province, to take the Probate of any Last Will and Testament of any Person, either Nuncupative or in Writing, even though the same be concerning Titles of Land; and likewise to grant Administration of the Goods and Chattels of Persons dying