

JOHN SEYMOUR, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. SEPTEMBER. 1704.

C. H. A. P.

XXXII.

Lib. LL. No. 3; fol. 80.

Passed 3d of
October, 1704.

An ACT for appeals, and regulating writs of error.

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XXXIII.

An ACT imposing three-pence per gallon on rum and wine, brandy and spirits, and twenty shillings per poll for negroes, for raising a supply to defray the public charge of this province, and twenty shillings per poll on Irish servants, to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish papists into this province. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 83.

To continue three years. Revived 1708, ch. 16, and 1712, ch. 22. Repealed 1715, ch. 49, and 1719, ch. 16.

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XXXIV.

An ACT empowering the commissioners of the county courts to levy and raise tobacco to defray the necessary charges of their counties and parishes. Lib. LL. No. 3; fol. 87.

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XXXV.

An ACT directing the manner of electing and summoning delegates and representatives to serve in succeeding assemblies. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 90. Repealed 1708, ch. 5.

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XXXVI.

An ACT to make valid, good and effectual in the law, all manner of process and proceedings in the several courts of this province, from the year 1695, to the year 1692, and also from the death of Lydon Copley, Esquire, late governor of this province, to the arrival of Francis Nicholson, Esquire, governor thereof, and from the demise of his late majesty king William the third, to this present time. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 93.

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XXXVII.

An ACT providing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign and other debts, and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary suits at law, and pleading discounts in bar. Lib. LL. No. 3; fol. 95. Repealed 1715, ch. 49, and 1719, ch. 16.

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XXXVIII.

An ACT for the confirming titles of land given to the use of the churches and several chapels within this province, empowering the commissioners of the respective counties, and vestries of the respective parishes, to take up certain parcels of land for the use of the same. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 99.

Another act, 1722, ch. 4.

WHEREAS several pious and well disposed persons have given and granted unto the respective parishes whereto they do belong, certain parcels of ground, for the use and benefit of a church and church-yard, which said land, through the neglect of the vestries, who, by an act of assembly of this province, made at a session of assembly, held at the port of Annapolis, the twentieth day of July, anno domini one thousand six hundred ninety and six, entitled, An act for the service of almighty God, and establishment of the protestant religion, were capacitated and empowered, by the names of the principal vestryman, and the rest of his brethren vestrymen of such parish, to take and receive any deed of gift for the same, notwithstanding the charges of the respective parishes in building churches or chapels thereon, is like to be lost, or the title thereunto very disputable, for want of such deed of gift or conveyance enrolled and recorded as by an act of assembly is required, the first donors or grantors thereof being dead, and the heirs of such donors or grantors, either refusing to make over such land as aforesaid, or under age, not capable of so doing.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of her majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this province, and the authority of the same, That all such lands as have formerly been given to the use of any church or chapel, and for which the donors or grantors thereof, in their life-times, have not made a deed of gift for the same, or otherwise refused so to do, and in confidence of whose promise the parish have been at the charge of erecting and building their churches thereon, be and remain to the use of the parish for ever, against all claims, and pretensions of claims made, or that hereafter shall be made, by such donors or grantors, or his or their heirs, executors or assigns, as firmly and absolutely, as if the same had been made over by deed of gift, grant or otherwise, enrolled and recorded as aforesaid.