

FATHER.

If there be neither widow, nor child, nor grand-child, the father is entitled to administration. *Ibid.* § 12.

If there be a father, and no child or descendant, the father shall have the whole surplus of an intestate's personal estate. *Ibid.* ch. 11, § 7.

FEDERAL CONVENTION.

Deputies appointed from this state to the federal convention, and powers conferred on them. April, 1787, ch. 36.

FEEES.

See **OFFICERS FEES.**

FELONY.

No law to attain particular persons of felony ought to be made. Decl. 16.

The provision in the act for the advancement of justice respecting errors and omissions not to extend to cases of felony. 1763, ch. 23, § 3.

Acts of assembly declaring certain offences to be felony, to wit: 1715, ch. 26, § 2, 4; ch. 44, § 33; 1790, ch. 5, § 14, April, 1792, ch. 1, 1793, ch. 30, § 15; ch. 35; ch. 57, 1797, ch. 96, 1799, ch. 58, ch. 75.

Acts declaring certain offences to be felony without benefit of clergy, to wit: 1723, ch. 16, § 1; 1729, ch. 4, 1737, ch. 2, 1744, ch. 5, ch. 20; 1751, ch. 14, § 2, 3, 4, February, 1777, ch. 20, § 2, 10, 11, November, 1777, ch. 1, 1793, ch. 57, 1799, ch. 58, ch. 61, ch. 82.

See **CRIMES and PUNISHMENTS.**

FEMALES.

Males, (as entitled to administration,) shall be preferred to females in equal degree. 1798, No. 101, ch. 5, § 15.

A female sole shall be preferred to a married woman in equal degree. *Ibid.* § 19.

Where a female is entitled, administration may be given to her and her husband, provided he be capable. *Ibid.* § 20.

When a male party is herein mentioned, the rule shall apply to a female, unless otherwise expressly provided. *Ibid.* ch. 14, § 10.

Females of the full age of eighteen empowered to make wills of lands, tenements or incorporeal hereditaments. *Ibid.* ch. 1, § 3.

Guardians to be appointed to females under sixteen entitled to land or personal estate till the age of sixteen or marriage. *Ibid.* ch. 12, § 1.

See **ADMINISTRATRIX.**

FEME-COVERT.

Savings to them in the acts for the limitation of actions, and of claims against the state. 1715, ch. 23, § 3, 6, 1729, ch. 24, § 22, ch. 25, § 4, 1784, ch. 65, 1785, ch. 10, § 3, 1786, ch. 33, § 5.

See **LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.**

Manner of their acknowledging conveyances to bar them as grantors, or of their dower. 1715, ch. 47, § 11, 1752, ch. 8, November, 1766, ch. 14, § 6.

See **CONVEYANCES.**

Savings to them in chancery proceedings. November, 1773, ch. 7, § 4, April, 1787, ch. 30, § 3.

See **CHANCERY.**

Regulations respecting their rights to lands in the city of Washington. 1791, ch. 45, § 2.

No married woman shall be entitled to letters testamentary, but the same, or letters of administration, shall be granted as if she had not been named in the will, unless her husband shall give bond with security. 1798, No. 101, ch. 4, § 8.

FEME-COVERT.

The choses in action of a married woman dying intestate shall devolve on her husband, without his administering. *Ibid.* ch. 5, § 8.

If not reduced into possession, or judgment obtained for them in his life-time, they shall devolve on her representative, and administration may be granted accordingly. *Ibid.*

Mode of suing therefor by the husband. *Ibid.* § 9.

FENCES.

Their height prescribed, and regulations respecting the keeping of horses within enclosures, &c. 1715, ch. 31.

FERRIES.

The justices of the county courts authorized, at their March courts, to grant licence to any inhabitant to keep a public ferry at any place used as such, and from such place to any other county, or from this to any other state. November, 1781, ch. 22, § 1.

Directions for renewing the licences. *Ibid.*

Licence may be granted at any other court, to continue till the next March court. *Ibid.*

Any two justices of the peace may grant licence to keep such ferry till the meeting of the court, taking recognizance, &c. April, 1782, ch. 31, § 2.

On the death of a ferry-keeper between the sitting of the courts, any two justices may permit any inhabitant to keep ferry till the next court, which may appoint such person for the residue of the year. November, 1781, ch. 22, § 4.

Such person to enter into recognizance, &c. *Ibid.*

Nothing in this act to prevent the courts, (as heretofore practised,) from agreeing with persons to keep ferries, on taking recognizance and ascertaining the prices. *Ibid.* § 5.

The county courts may grant licence to keep ferry at the same place where it may have been granted to others, on application, with two sufficient securities. April, 1782, ch. 31, § 3.

Persons keeping ferry for hire without licence to forfeit £. 5. November, 1781, ch. 22, § 1.

The county courts shall, at their March courts, or oftener, ascertain the price of ferriage for passengers, and horses and carriages, (not allowing any thing for the baggage of a passenger,) at every ferry by them licensed. *Ibid.* § 2.

They shall direct as to the kind of boats to be kept, and the number of hands to be employed, which shall be expressed in the licence. *Ibid.*

Every person keeping ferry shall set up in the most public part of his house a copy of his licence, and the prices allowed him, under the penalty of £. 5 for every day's neglect. *Ibid.*

Licensed ferry-keepers asking or receiving, directly or indirectly, more than the price allowed, shall forfeit 20*s.* *Ibid.*

Every person, on obtaining licence, shall enter into a recognizance in the sum of £. 50, with two sufficient sureties, for diligently keeping the ferry, &c. in the terms therein expressed. *Ibid.*

To pay the clerk 5*s.* for taking such recognizance, making out his licence, and a copy of the rates of ferriage. *Ibid.*

Persons licensed to keep ferry across Chesapeake bay shall keep a good anchor and cable, a small yawl with oars, and also hatches, and a substantial pair of oars and setting pole, under the penalty of £. 10. November, 1788, ch. 33.

The county courts have power to contract for keeping ferries at the county expence, but not at any place where such ferry has not been heretofore so kept. 1791, ch. 65.

A ferry to be established in Somerset county. 1797, ch. 24.

An exclusive right given to William Akers to keep the ferry over the Choptank river, from the Dorchester and Talbot shore. 1799, ch. 28, § 5.