

apprentice is first demanded of the first debtor, whose debt was attested.

A bond or contract made after ye publication of this Act, wherein ye propriety of any lands, goods, or chattels are intended to pass; & also good and chattels in law, property agreed at or before ye making of ye contract or delivery of ye instrument, to be altered by delibering possession in ye premises of two or more witnesses, or that ye contract or instrument be not yet signed & sealed before same may be witnessed, recorded in, or certified to ye office of ye Court after ye next ordinary Court day following. & it shall be durable for ye next years from ye present day.

15. An Act ordering punishment for certain offenders (as it all offend).

All offences of Treason by ye Statute of 25. Edw:3. cap:2 done within ye Province, & also committed as Treason w/ bds, to be in England.

All offends of willfull murder by ye Law of England & also committed as willfull murder w/o bds to be in England.

All offences of conspiring to deal for destruction, or of attacking any person & intent to do violence against ye person of ye Lord Proprietary of ye Province, or (in his absence) of ye Lieutenant General, or of holding any private intelligence with a declared enemy of ye Province (by way of gratificion & conspiracy against ye Lord Proprietary, or (in his absence) against ye Lieutenant General; or of killing in arms or otherwise against ye Lord Proprietary, or (in his absence) against ye Lieutenant General, or of being accessory to any ye offendours aforesaid, & also committed by means of deals, and forfeiture of all ye offendours lands, goods, and chattels to ye Lord Proprietary. & it shall be durable for ye next years from ye present day.

16. An Act for ye punishment of certain offenders as it all offend.

In the following places abiding capital offendours within ye Province, ye it to be, all offendours of homicide, treason, robbery, Burglary, Piracy, Piracy, Piracy, wounding & larceny, to be determined by ye Judge as near as may be to ye Laws of England. Likewise all offendours of willfull burning or destroying a house or part of a house, or w/ ye intent to anoyse many, or of cutting or pulling out willfully any trees or bushes, and ye offender (whoever commits all or any part thereof before he offendour committed) any of ye bds, & all or may be judged to suffer a sum of deals, or of burning in ye place or loss of master, and to lose all his or her lands for life, goods or chattels, & dignity after, or may be outlawed, exiled, imprisoned during life, or adjudged to be by ye Proprietary & his attorney for ye term of seven or less years (except he be a gentleman or man so otherwise corporally corrected or putt to shame, as ye Court shall by law determine). & it shall be durable for ye next years from ye present day.

17. An Act for punishment of such Offenders not (as it all offend).

Any person striking any Officer, Justice, or witness in presence of ye Court, or for any other person with a drawn weapon in presence of ye Court, or striking any Magistrate or Sheriff of a County in or for ye doing of ye Office, or counterfeiting ye law, & his manumissal, or any of ye Deeds of ye Lord Proprietary, and using force, words, and or bds with ye intent to ye grevity of another, or willfully falsly corrupting or subfelling of a record, or giving false witness upon oath in Court, or perverting or perverting or to give false, false witness; may be judged to lose, & it, or for ye intent to do any other corporall pain or correction (not excepting ye just fit). & it shall be durable for ye next years from ye present day.