

By the King's Excellency a Proclamation

Whereas the assembly of the Province have not yet
 sufficiently provided for many needfull matters relating
 to the Succession of Lands tenements hereditaments goods
 & Chattels of persons dying within this Province & have
 obliged the severall & respective Courts of this Province
 to proceed according to the Lawes of England in cases
 wherein the Lawes of this Province are silent so farre
 forth as the Lawes of the said Kingdom are practicable
 in this Province. And whereas his Sacred Majesty by
 one act of Parliament made in the Ninth & twentieth
 years of his Reigns intituled An act for prevention of
 frauds & perjuries amongst other things taking notice
 of the fraudulent Practices in setting up Nuncupatives
 wills which have been the Occasion of much perjury
 hath enacted that from & after the four and twentieth
 day of June which was in the Year of our Lord God
 1677 No Nuncupative will shall be good where the
 Estate thereby bequeathed shall Exceed the value of
 thirty pounds Sterling that is not proved by the Oathes
 of three (Witnesses at the least) that were present at
 the making thereof nor unless it be proved that the
 Testator did die the persons present or some of them
 bear witness that such was his will or to that effect
 nor unless such Nuncupatives will were made
 in the time of the last sickness of the deceased & in the
 house of his or her habitation or dwelling or where he
 or shee hath been resident for the space of ten daies or
 more next before the making of such will Except where
 such person was surpris'd or taken sick going from his
 owne home and dyed before he returned ^{to} the place
 of his or her dwelling And further that after six months
 past after the publishing the precedent provided
 Testamentary words No testimony shall be received to