

what defect, error, neglect, omission or default that shall hereafter happen to be done by any of his Deputy Surveyors unless the party grieved shall within six months after the said error, defect, omission, neglect or default make complaint by suite or other formall process in Law and continue the same without intermission untill Judgment be thereupon given to that purpose, the said Surveyors shall not any wayes be liable to make any satisfaction for such their error, defect, neglect, omission or default whatsoever in their office done or to be done from time to time hereafter, any Law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided that this Act nor any thing therein contained shall not hinder any person from having his action agt any Deputy Surveyor of this Province for any misfeasance or error in his office. This Act to endure for three years, or to the end of the next general Assembly which shall first happen.

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An act concerning those servants which have Bastards.

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Whereas diverse women-servants within this Province not having husbands living with them have been gotten with Child within their servitude, to the great dishonour of God and apparent damage of Masters and owners of such servants, and no Law yet provided where the damage shall be recoverable. For Remedy whereof.

Be it Enacted by the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r by and with the consent of the upper and Lower houses of this present general Assembly that every such mother of a Bastard Child not able sufficiently to prove the party charged to be the begotter of such Child, in every such case the mother of such Child shall only be liable to satisfy the damage so sustained, by servitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such matters are brought, shall see convenient. Provided that where the mother of any such Child as aforesaid shall be able to prove her charge by sufficient testimony of witnesses, Confession of the party charged or pregnant circumstances agreeing with her declaration in the extremity of her pain or throes of travail, and her oath taken by some Magistrate, then the party charged, if a servant, to satisfy halfe the said damage of a freeman, then the whole damage by servitude or otherwise. Court before whom such matter is brought as aforesaid shall determine.

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