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Charged in time of yeare as aforesaid any thing in this act to
the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, Provided always
that it is the true intent & meaning of this act that the said
summe for the small charges of this Province shal be assessed
by the Governour & Councell aforesaid upon the Inhabitants
of this Province as aforesaid & that in any one yeare the
summe of fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco this act to endure
for three yeares or to the end of the next Gen^l Assembly,
which shall first happen.

An act for the better Administration of Justice
in probate of wills granting Administrators
Recovery of Legacies & securing filiall
portions.

Whereas for the due Administration of Justice, it is most necessary
that there bee a settled Succession from the dead to the living, &
that the wills of all persons dying (who in their life time doe
make their wills) may bee duly proved, & Letters of Administration
of all persons dying without wills may bee granted to such
persons who have the best Right to succeed therunto, that there
may in that case bee noe failure of Justice, but that it may bee
duly Administred within this Province & all Legacies speedily recover-
ed & filiall portions & orphans Estates duly secured & easily
obtained according to the true intent of the Lawes heretofore made
now still in force or hereafter to bee made: Your Lordships Two
houses of Assembly doe pray that it may bee enacted, and bee it
enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Prop^r of & with the advice
& assent of the upper & lower houses of this present Gen^l Assembly
& the authority of the same that the Judge or Commissary Gen^l
for probate of wills & granting Administrations shall hold his Court
out in two monthes at the least or oftner as the case shall
Require, regard being had to the distance of the Habitants of
the Suitor in the said Court, & the dispatch of forreigners, who
have frequent occasions to seeke Justice in the Court, for probate
of wills & granting Administrations, & before the Judge thereof, and
for as much as certainty is the wissh of the people, that our
Dependant upon England obligeth us to make all our Lawes ab-
utter as may bee consonant to the Lawes of England, bee it
further enacted by the authority advice & assent aforesaid, that
the Judge for probate of wills & granting Administrations within
this Province in all causes Relating to probate of wills and
granting Administrations shall proceed according to the Lawes
of England, now in force & hereafter to bee in force within