

and furnishings otherwise than what y^e Lawes of England has prescribed w^{ch} is thought
to strict & strer. for y^e p^{re}sent constitution of this Province where men cannot enjoy y^e
benefit of y^e said Land w^{ch} out the ordering of y^e same in doing w^{ch} of timber must be fallen w^{ch}
by y^e Law of England aforesaid is wast & y^e damage there upon & such is far greater
many times than y^e full value of y^e Land there & it is most apparent y^e notwithstanding
y^e parents of such Orphans are persons of great estates whilst living y^e their Orphan
or their's seldom come to poss^{ess} & enjoy any thing more than the Land & plantations
by them left for y^e remainder w^{ch} for y^e future. **Be it enacted** by y^e right
Hon^{ourable} Lord Prop^{rietary} by y^e advice & consent of y^e upper & lower houses of
this present general Assembly & authority of y^e same y^e from & after this present
session of Assembly all guardians of Orphans y^e shall have any real estates in
Land w^{ch} y^e orphan or Orphans be without y^e same & belong to be committed to them or
their next of kin y^e testator in his life time by his last will & testament, notwithstanding
Ordered & disposed of within one month after taking upon him or her y^e guardianship of such
Orphan or Orphans shall within one month of y^e said county Justice y^e said Land by two
other persons of good repute & well skilled in building & plantation affairs neither of them being
of him or otherwise interested in either orphan or guardian, enter upon y^e said Land or plantation
to see y^e orphan or Orphans belonging & view y^e dwelling houses but houses Land or orchards
fencing y^e are upon y^e said plantation & then & there y^e said two persons so qualified as
aforesaid shall take their corporall Oath upon y^e Holy Evangelists by y^e said Justice
to be administered according to y^e best of their skills & Judgment they will make a just
estimate of y^e Annual Value of y^e said Land & plantation & what dwelling houses
out houses orchards & furnishings are upon y^e same & in what repair they are in & in
what pt^{er} of y^e said Land they Judge y^e said guardian may be permitted further to there
upon y^e said plantation as well to raise y^e yearly rent so valued as aforesaid or all
towards y^e charges yearly in keeping y^e said dwelling houses out houses orchards &
furnings in sufficient repair & so by him to be left always having regard to leave
a proportionable pt^{er} both for quality & quantity of y^e outland Land for y^e benefit
& advantage of y^e orphan or their widow at age to poss^{ess} y^e said Land or plantation
as also y^e Orphan ~~or their widow at age to poss^{ess} y^e said Land~~ & maintain
him or them by y^e same to certify under their hands & seals attested by y^e Justice
so Administering the Oath as aforesaid into y^e County Court next ensuing after
view so had & made as aforesaid & there to remain upon record until y^e said orphan
or their widow of age w^{ch} Certificat^e so entered & remaining upon record as aforesaid
shall be sufficient evidence in Law for y^e said orphan or Orphan to remove doubt