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An Act for the Application of such Testaments
Estates as Leave no Legall representatives and in former
Proceedings against Forcible Administrators

Whereas it frequently happens that persons who are posses-
ors of considerable personall Estates dye in testate leaving no Relations
or Representatives Legally Entitled to the residue thereof ino. Ward
tis Observed some Pretor or pretended Creditor of such Deceased
most Commonly Obtains the Administration of his Goods and Chattels
and thereby becomes Legally Posses thereof, by virtue whereof he not
only Satisfies himself but all other Creditors their Just Claims into
like wise retains in his hand the totall residue of such Estate and
converts the Same to his own use On pretence of Searching him-
self against Such Latent Debts as may thereafter appear whereby
such Administrator has the sole Benefit of such Goods and Chattels as
he had no other pretence of right to save for the satisfaction him-
self and perhaps but a small one out of the deceaseds Debts
Estates for the more Just & better Application of which residues for the
future
Enacted By the right Honourable the Lord Proprietor
By and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governours and
the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly and the Authority of the
same that Every such Administrator here mentioned shall be Obliged
to pay and Satisfie the ballance of Such Estates to One of the publick
Treasurers of this province for the time being in the same manner as
such Administrator should have been Obliged to pay the same to any
Legall residuary Legatee by Law in case any such should have
appeared to be Applied to the use of Schools in the same manner
as the Additional duty of twenty Shillings of pole on Irish Servants
and Negroes is Directed Save that whereas by the Act for the better
Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs sundry particular
of Goods and Chattels are directed to be paid in specie according to
Appraisment to the residuary Legatee in this case such Administrator
shall be Obliged to pay the said ballance of such Estate according to the
true Value thereof in Current money for the payment whereof he shall
be Allowed twenty per Cent (that is to say) ten per Cent over and
above the ten per Cent usually allowed Provided that in
Cases Such Administrator be of kin to the Deceased
within the fifth degree either in consanguinity or Affinity
that then such Administrator and all others that are as near by

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