

Be it Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the
 advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower Houses of
 Assembly and the Authority of the same That it shall not be lawfull for any
 Creditor or Creditors to prosecute any such Administration or Testamentary
 Bond for any Debt or Damages due from or recovered against any Testator
 or Intestate or their Effects before a non est presentis or a Capias ad responden-
 dum be returned against the Executor or Administrator or a *fidei facias* returned
 Nulla bona by the Sheriff of this County where such Executor or Administrator
 Live or where the Effects of such Deceased Lyes or such other apparent Insolvency
 or Insufficiency of the Person or Effects of such Executor or Administrator
 as shall in the Judgment of the Provinciaall Court that hears the Cause render
 such Creditors remedyless by any other reasonable means save that of suing
 such Bonds on pain that such person or Persons that shall cause such Bonds
 to be sued contrary to the true Intent and meaning of such Act shall be
 condemned in full Costs of Suits to be adjudged by such Provinciaall Court to the
 Defendant or Defendants that shall be so sued against the Person or Persons
 that shall cause the same to be sued and shall award Execution thereof as
 usuall in other Cases And

Be it further enacted as aforesaid that It shall and may be lawfull
 for the Defendant or Defendants in such Suits to give this Act and the speciall
 Matter in Evidence without specially pleading the same any Law Statute
~~usage~~ or Custom to the contrary Notwithstanding.

October the 26: 1720

October the 27th 1720

Read and assented to by the Lower
 House of assembly & Signed & Order
 M^r Jenifer C. Co. ho.

Read and assented to by the upper house
 of assembly and Signed
 Tho: Foxhall Clerke

October the 27th 1720

On behalf of his Lordship the Right Honorable
 the Lord Proprietarie of this Province I Will
 This be a Law — Cha: Calvert

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An Act Declaring the Punishment for Burning
 of Court Houses

Whereas it is Represented to this Present Generall assembly that there
 Remains some Doubt in the Law whether the Burners of Court Houses should
 have the same Judgment against them as against Clarke Currier or to suffer
 Death on which Doubt the Last Provinciaall Court in favour of Life gave
 Judgment against the Person Currier of Burning Kent County Court House
 only that he should be burnt further and so to lead up which Doubt for the future

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