

C H A P. XXIV.

Passed 21st of
November.

An ACT for the more effectual securing of Orphans Estates.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that Executors, and Administrators, and Others, that Intermarry with Widows, do obtain the Possession of Real Estates of Orphans within this Province, and commit Waste and Destruction thereupon, before any Balance is transmitted from the Commissary's Office, in which case no Guardian can be appointed by the several County Courts under any Law now in Force. For Remedy whereof, for the future;

Orphans of
14 Years of
Age, to
choose Guar-
dians, if un-
der, Courts
to appoint;
to take into
their Hands
their Real Es-
tates, &c.

II. *Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the several County Courts, and they are hereby authorized and required on Application to them made, to permit such Orphans, if above the Age of Fourteen Years, to choose his or her Guardian, and if under the Age of Fourteen, then the said Justices to appoint a Guardian, and immediately Order the said Orphan's Real Estate, into the Hands of such Guardian, in the same manner as they might or could have done, had the Balance of said Estate been transmitted from the Commissary's Office: And such Guardian so as aforesaid Chosen or Appointed by this Act, shall have the same Powers, and be subject to the same Duties and Regulations, as Guardians otherwise chosen or appointed, are, by the Laws of this Province now in Force, and when the Balance of the Personal Estate is transmitted (which is hereby declared to be his Duty to see done, as soon as the particular Circumstances of the Deceased's Estate will admit) shall receive the same as if then Chosen or Appointed; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*

C H A P. XXV.

Passed 21st of
November.

An Act to Confirm the Sale of certain Land lying in Eastern-Neck Island, in Kent County, by Draper Lusby, and Frances his Wife, Executrix of John Hynson, Deceased, to Matthew Bryan. PR.

C H A P. XXVI.

Passed 26th of
November.

An ACT to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in Charles-Town, in Charles County.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the principal Inhabitants of Charles-Town, in Charles County, by their humble Petition have set forth, That they are much incommoded by Hogs and Geese being raised in the said Town, and have prayed that an Act may pass, to prohibit any Person from raising them within the said Town for the future.

Swine nor
Geese to go
at large in
Charles Town:

II. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, living, or that shall hereafter live, within the said Town, shall, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, under any pretence whatsoever, keep or support within the said Town, any Swine or Geese belonging to themselves, or to any Person whatsoever, unless such Swine or Geese be kept within such Person or Person's Inclosure, so keeping or supporting such Swine or Geese.*

If at large,
may be shot.

III. *And be it Enacted, That in case any Person or Persons whatsoever, living, or that shall live, in the said Town, shall after the End of this present Session of Assembly, suffer any Swine or Geese belonging to themselves, or*
under