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XXII.

thereof, any Thing contained in this present Act, or any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso for
Femme Covert,How to be
Examined.Barred of
Dower.

Femme Covert,
Non-Resi-
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her Examina-
tion and Ac-
knowledg-
ment is to be
taken and
Certified.

VII. And be it further Enacted, That any *Femme Covert*, not being a Minor, joining with her Husband in any of the several kinds of Conveyances herein before mentioned, and acknowledging them, or any of them, upon Private Examination, according to the Directions of the said recited Act, where such *Femmes Covert* have the Right, Title, or Interest of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, by such Conveyances intended to be given, granted, released, surrendered, declared, settled, or otherwise disposed of, shall by such Execution of the said Conveyance or Conveyances, Examination, Acknowledgment and Enrolment, be Barred and Foreclosed to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and that such Examination, and Acknowledgment, and Enrolment, without her joining in the said Deed or Conveyance, shall be good and sufficient to bar any *Femme Covert* of her Right of Dower: **Provided**, That such *Femme Covert*, in both Cases be, at the Time of such Execution, Examination and Acknowledgment, of the full Age of Twenty-one Years, of sound Mind, and out of Prison. And where any such *Femme Covert* shall live out of this Province, within any of his Majesty's Dominions, such Examination and Acknowledgment as aforesaid, taken before the Mayor of some Corporation within *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or other of his Majesty's *European* Islands, or before One Justice of the Supreme or Provincial Court of any Province or Colony, or Governor or Chief Officer within any of his Majesty's Dominions, and certified by Indorsement on the Deed or Conveyance, by such Mayor or Justice, under his Hand and Seal of the Corporation, when taken before a Mayor, or the Seal of the Province or Colony, Governor or Chief Officer, when taken before such Justice, Governor, or Chief Officer, shall be as good and effectual in Law for barring such *Femme Covert* of her Right of Dower, or Inheritance, as the Case may be, as if the same Examination and Acknowledgment were taken and certified within this Province, according to the Directions of the said recited Act, any Thing therein, or in any other Act, Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An ACT to ease the Inhabitants of this Province, and to empower the Justices of the several Counties to bind out the Persons therein mentioned, Apprentices.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there is no Provision made by the Laws now in being, for the binding out Children Apprentices, where their Fathers have departed this Province, or removed from the Counties where they resided, without leaving a Sufficiency for such Childrens Support, nor is there any express Provision made for binding out poor Orphan Children, before the Balances of their Fathers Estate are transmitted to the County Court, which in many Cases never happens, nor can be done in most Instances, 'til a considerable Time after their becoming Orphans, by which the Counties are greatly burdened for the Support of such Children, and those Children themselves, are not so much benefited as they would be, by being bound out Apprentices:

Magistrates
to bind out
Orphans,

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 the Justices of the several and respective County Courts within this Province, shall and may bind out every Orphan Child, not having or being entitled to Real or Personal Estate, the Profits or Increase whereof is, or are sufficient for his