

An Act for erecting a Court of Admiralty

Be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary
of this Province by and with the advice and appro-
bation of the Council of the same that all Causes
whosoever manner determinable in any Court of
Admiralty shall be finally heard and determined
within this Province by and before the Admiral of the
Province for the time being or by and before such
Judge or Judges as the said Admiral shall autho-
rize to hear and determine the same or by and before
such Commissioner or Commissioners as in defect or
vacancy of an Admiral the Lord Proprietary of this
Province shall authorize under the Great Seal to hear
and determine the same which said Admiral or chief
Commissioner shall or may appoint a Register for
recording of all matters belonging to that Office and
the said Admiral chief Judge or chief Commissioner
for the time exercising that office and the said Re-
gister shall be a Court of Record and shall be called
the Court of Admiralty and the said Court shall or
may enjoy use & exercise all or any the same or the
like powers privileges authorities and jurisdic-
tions within this Province as the high Court of Admi-
ralty in England enjoys or may enjoy use and exer-
cise within the Realm of England except where it is
otherwise provided by any Law of this Province.

And until the said Court have a proper seal
appointed to it by the Lord Proprietary all Processes