

to Continue till the end of the next General Assembly

An Act for Succession to Goods

Be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary of this Province of and with the advice and approbation of the freemen of the same that all wills and testaments made and published or to be made and published by any Persons within this Province and not afore proved shall be exhibited or proved by or before the Secretary of the Province for the time being or in want or absence of a Secretary by any one of the Council thereunto authorized or deputed by the said Secretary or by the Lieut Genl who shall have Power by virtue of this Act to keep a record and to use a lesser seal for Probates and other matters pertaining to his Office and to convene and cite any witnesses or other persons by process out of the Chancery, to take recognisances to administer an oath or Oaths to any Parties or witnesses to determine touching the validity or invalidity of testaments and to do all other things necessary for such Probate & for the making of Inventories taking of accounts and giving of discharges of full Administration and for recording the same

And where any Person dieth intestate or in the nature of Intestate the said Secretary or the deputy as afore shall commit the administration of the intestates Goods to the widow of the deceased if there be any Living within the Province & if there be none