

And that the free-men of this Province & territories therof may not on their parts Seem Unmindfull or Ungratefull to their Proprietary & Governor, for the testimony hee hath bin pleased to give of his great-good-will towards them & theirs, nor be wanting of that duty they owe to him and themselves . . . They have prayed Leave hereby to declare their most hearty acceptance of the said Charter, and their humble acknowledgment for the Same . . . Solemnly promising that they will Inviolably observe and keep the Same (Except as in their excepted) And will neither directly nor indirectly Contrive, propose, enact or do any thing or things whatsoever, by vertue of the power therby granted unto them, that shall or may redound to the prejudice or disadvantage of the Proprietary & Governor, his heirs and Successors in their just rights properties and privileges, granted to him and them by the Kings Letters patents and deeds of release and feoffment made unto him by James Duke of York and Albany &c And whom they desire may be hereby recognized and acknowledged and they are hereby recognized & acknowledged the true and Rightful Proprietaries and Governors of this Province of Pennsylvania and territories therunto annexed according to the Kings letters patents and deeds of Release and feoffment from James Duke of York & Albany &c unto the said Proprietary and Governor his heirs and Successors. Anything in this Act or any other act, grant Charter or Law to the Contrary of these things herein and hereby explained, altered, Limited promised, declared and enacted in any wise notwithstanding.

P.H.M.C., Archives, RG-26, Law Book, 1682-1690 (Patrick Robinson's Book), pp. 23-28. H.S.P., Laws of Pa. 1682-1688. Printed in *A Collection of Charters . . . Relating to the Province of Pennsylvania . . .* Printed and Sold by B. Franklin, in Market-Street, M,DCC,XL, pp. 25-28. Act of March 19, 1682/3. Superseded by Second Frame of Government, April 2, 1683.

CHAPTER 63.

LAW CONTINUING THE LAWS OF 1682.

Chap: 63 Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all those Laws made by the Assembly held att Chester in the 10th month Last,

Shall Stand in full force to the end of the first Session of the next general Assembly, Except such Laws or part of Laws, as are by any of the following Laws repealed, Varied, explained or added unto.

Superseded by chapter 154, 1684.

CHAPTER 64.

LAW ABOUT LIBERTY AND PROPERTY.

Chap: 64 Be it Enacted &c: That no Free-man within this Province of Pennsylvania or territories therof, Shall be taken or imprisoned, or dispossessed of his free-holds or Liberties, Or be Outlawed or Exiled, or any otherwise hurt, damnified or destroyed, nor shall hee be tryed or Condemned but by the Law-full Judgment of his equalls, or by the Laws of this Province & territories thereof.

Declared a fundamental law by chapter 141, 1683. Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, as chapter 38. Compare Vol. II St.L. 18, ch. XIX of 1700 and Vol. II St.L. 359, ch. CLXXIII of 1710/11.

CHAPTER 65.

LAW ABOUT SELECTION OF PEACE-MAKERS.

Chap: 65 And be it &c: That in every precinct 3 persons shall be yearly chosen, as common peace-makers in that precinct, and that Arbitrations may be as Valid as the Judgments of the Courts of Justice, Let the parties differing Sign a Reference and Submission of their maters in Controversie to men so chosen as aforesaid . . . Which Reference being ratified by the County-Court, The Judgment of the peace-makers, Shall be as Conclusive, as a Sentence given by the County-Court, And Such Conclusion to be registred in the County-Courts, as other Judgments are.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; and chapter 186, 1688. Chapter 191, 1690, included it among the laws to be