CHAPTER 78.

LAW ABOUT ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY.

Chap: 78 Be it &c: That for avoiding Long and tedious Conveyances, and the many Contentions which may aryse about the Variety of estates

All Grants of Estates shall be either of The Inheritance, Or for Life or Lives, Or for years, any Number not exceeding 50 years, Which Grants shall be thus Contracted in these words "A:B: the &c: day of &c: in the year, according to the English accompt 168&c. from him & his heirs & Assigns, Grants his (describe the bounds) with all its appurtenances, Lying in the County of &c; containing &c; acres or therabouts to C.D. & his heirs (if in fee) or to E.F. for his Life (if for Lives) or to G.H. for 100 years (if J.K,L,M,N,O shall so Long Live) or to P.Q. for 50 years for the Consideration of &c. pounds in Mony paid, & of yearly rent to be paid to AB & his heirs & assigns upon the &c: day of &c: In witnes wherof hee setts his hand & Seal, Sealed & delivred in the presence of R.S.T. acknowledged in open Court, & certified under the Clerk's hand & Court Seal, the &c. day of &c; 168&c. & Registered the &c: day of &c: 168&c:"

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; and chapter 186, 1688. Chapter 191, 1690 included it among the laws to be continued to the end of the next General Assembly and twenty days after and no longer. Abrogated in 1693.

CHAPTER 79.

LAW ABOUT ACKNOWLEDGING DEEDS IN COURT.

Chap: 79 Be it &c That all Deeds of Sale, morgages, Setlements, Conveyances (except Leases for a year) Shall be declared & acknowledged in open Court, And the form of possession in transferring of titles shall be By the party or his Attorney delivering the said deed of