
 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 wintnes 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, Settlements, 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

gift in open Court, into the hands of him or his attorney to whom it is made & that to Stand good to all intents & purposes.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 43.

CHAPTER 80.

LAW ABOUT SEVEN YEARS POSSESSION.

Chap: 80 Be it Enacted &c: That Seven years quiet possession of Lands within this Province or territories therof, Shall forever hereafter give an Unquestionable title . . . Except in Cases of Infants, Married women, Lunatics or persons beyond the Seas.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 44.

CHAPTER 81.

LAW ABOUT COUNTY SEALS.

Chap: 81 Be it &c: That ther shall be a County-Seal in every County of this Province & territories therunto belonging for the use of each respective County.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 45.

CHAPTER 82.

LAW ABOUT COUNTERFEITING HANDS AND SEALS.

Chap: 82 Be it Enacted &c: That if anie person shall be Convicted of Counter-fitting the hand or Seal of any person in this Province, or territories thereof, hee or shee shall Suffer 3: Months imprisonment at