

tion, & obtain a Certificate thereof under the hand & Seal of the next Justice of the Peace, or chief magistrate or Officer of the Custome house, upon penalty of forfeiting the said Skins.

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

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## CHAPTER 171.

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### LAW ABOUT PROTECTION OF THE PROPRIETARY & GOVERNOR.

Chap: 171 For the preservation of the person of our Proprietary and Governor from the Violent hands and destructive designs & attempts of wicked & Unreasonable men, And that the amount of punishment may deterr them from all Such evill willfull & malicious purposes Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if anie person within this Province or Territories shall Compass, devise, or endeavour, death or destruction or any bodily harm tending to death or destruction, maim or wounding, Imprisonment or Restraint of the person of the Proprietary & Governor, or to deprive or depose him from his government Or to leave hostility against him, Or shall move, stirr, aid or assist any other with force to invade this Province or Territories; And such Compassing devising or endeavouring shall be made apparent by writting, printing, Speaking or acting, Such person being Legally Convicted thereof, by the Testimony of Two Credible witnesses producing the same fact upon Tryall or Convicted by due Course of Law, shall for Such offense forfeit half his estate reall and personall, and Suffer perpetuall imprisonment.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person shall contemptuously, maliciously and advisedly by writting, publishing or Speaking, express utter, or declare by any words or Sentences to Stirr up or incite any of the people of this Province or Territories to hatred or dislike of the person of the Proprietary & Governor or do or committ any act or deed tending to the Subversion of the established government shall Suffer Imprisonment for anie time not exceeding Twelve months, and Undergoe such Corporall punish-

ments as the Quality of the Offender and the Nature of the Offence may require; Provided allways that no person by vertue of this Law Shall incurr any penalty herein before mentioned, Unless such person be prosecuted within Six Months next after the Offence committed, and indicted within Three months after such prosecution; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Confirmed by chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693.

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## CHAPTER 172.

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### LAW ABOUT INTESTATE ESTATES.

Chap: 172 That the estate of an Intestate shall be thus disposed of, That is to Say, One Third of his personall estate shall goe to his wife, And further one Third of his Lands and Tenements to his wife, during her Naturall Life, The Remainder, together with the other Two Thirds of his estate shall goe to his children, his eldest son having a double part or share; And in Case the Intestate Leaves no child, then half the personall estate to the widow, and the moyety of the reall estate, during her Naturall Life The remainder therof to the next of her husbands kinn; And if hee Leaveth no wife, child or children, it shall goe to his brothers & sisters if any be; Or to the children of such brothers & Sisters; And in Case no such be, One half shall goe to the parents, & one half shall goe to the Governor, for want of kinn the other half to the publick Stock of the County And the estate of an Intestate widow shall go to her child or children, to be divided & shared as before; And if shee Leave no child or children, the estate is to be disposed of as aforesaid, if any be And the estate of an Intestate single man or woman shall go to his or her brother & sisters, if any be; and for want of such as before Limited; Provided that his or her debts be first paid, and that the Time of claiming be within Three years after the decease of the intestate party.

Confirmed by chapter 175, 1685 and chapter 186, 1688. Chapter 191, 1690 continued it to the end of the next General Assembly and twenty days after and no longer. Amended chapter 110, 1683, and was