

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

amended by chapter 188, 1688. Abrogated in 1693. Replaced by chapter 99, 1693.

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### CHAPTER 173.

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#### LAW PROHIBITING THE ADULTERATION OF DRINKS.

Chap: 173 That if any person within this Province or Territories thereof shall from and after the first day of the next fourth month presume to Sell Rum, Brandy, or Such Like Spirits that shall be mixd or adulterated with water or any other Liquor by the judgment of any Two publick officers of that County where the same shall be sold, being Convicted therof every Such person shall for every Such offence forfeit the Rum, Brandy, Spirits or other Liquors so sold, and pay Treble the value thereof, One half shall goe to the Governor & the other half to him that shall discover & prosecute the same.

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

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### CHAPTER 174.

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#### LAW ABOUT DURATION OF LAWS.

Chap: 174 That all Laws past this Generall Assembly, or that shall pass in any other Generall Assembly (Such onely excepted in which their Time or Commencement to be in force is particularly expressed) shall begin to be in force on the Twentieth day after the rying of the Generall Assembly, in which Such Laws were enacted. And all Laws past this Generall Assembly (the act of indemnity & the Law of fundamentalls only excepted) shall continue in force, untill the Twentieth day after the rying of the first Sessions of the next Generall Assembly and no Longer.

Replaced by chapter 185, 1685.