
 SESSION OF MAY 1688

Laws Made Att an Assembly held att Philadelphia the Tenth day of the 3d Month 1688

P.H.M.C., Archives, RG-21, Records of the Proprietary Government, engrossed copy. The chapter numbers are supplied from RG-26, Patrick Robinson's Law Book, 1682-1690, pp. 87-90. H.S.P., Laws of Pa. 1682-1688.

The Governour and Fremen in Provincial Council mett at Philadelphia the Thirtieth day of the First Month One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Eight have prepared and published according to Charter these following Bills for the notice and concurrence of the Freemen in Assembly to meet the Tenth day of the next Third Month in the Town of Philadelphia in the form and Stile of Laws, then and there to be confirmed amended or rejected as the Generall Assembly shall in their wisdome See meet

 CHAPTER 186.

LAW CONTINUING PRIOR LAWS.

Chap: 186 Be it Enacted by the authoritie aforesaid that these following Chapters and Paragraphs be Additional Laws of the said Province and Territories thereunto Annexed That is to say, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all those Laws made att Chester by the Generall Assembly in the Tenth Month 1682 and att Philadelphia in the First Month 1683 And at the same place in the Eight Month 1683 And att New-Castle in the Third Month 1684 And att Philadelphia in third Month 1685 Shall be and are hereby Contioved to stand and be in force and Virtue untill the end of the First Session of the next Generall Assemblie, and Twenty dayes afterwards and no longer, excepting onlie the Fundamentall Laws, And that these

following Chapters and Paragraphs be Additionall Laws of the said Province and Territories thereunto Annexed.

Replaced by chapter 191, 1690.

CHAPTER 187.

LAW AGAINST USURY.

Chap: 187 Be it Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that none shall take directly or indirectly for the Loan or use of Money or anie Commodities above the Value of Eight Pounds for the forbearance of One Hundred Pounds for a Year And so proportionable after that rate, and they that receive or take more shall forfeit the Monie or other Things lent & that this Law continowe and be in force for One whole Year and no Longer.

Confirmed by chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in the Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, chapter 78.

CHAPTER 188.

LAW ABOUT SALE OF INTESTATES LAND BY THE WIDOW OR ADMINISTRATOR.

Chap: 188 Be it Enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, that any person who dyed, or shall dye intestate being owner of Lands within this Province or Territories and hath left or shall leave Legall Issue, it shall be Lawfull for the Court of Orphans, with the Approbation of the Governor & Council to impower the Widdow or Administrator, in case of considerable Debts, charge of Child or Children, to make Sale of such parts or tracts of the said Land as the Council and Court shall Judge meet towards the defraying of Such Just debts, the Education of such Child or Children, Support of the Widdow, and the better improving the remainder of the estate to their Advantage, And that this Law continow and be in force for one whole Year & noe longer.

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