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 CHAPTER 23.
 

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[23] THE LAW CONCERNING THE DAYS OF THE WEEK, MONTH &C.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Days of the Week & Months of the Year shall be called as in Scripture, and not by heathen Names (as are vulgarly used) as the first, second & third Months of the year; and first second & third Days of the week, and beginning with the day called Sunday, & the month called March.

Great Law, chapter 35. See Vol. II St.L. 19, ch. XXII.

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 CHAPTER 24.
 

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[24] THE LAW ABOUT PLEADING IN ENGLISH.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Pleadings Processes & Records in Courts shall be short & in English and in an Ordinary & plain Charecter, that they may be easily read & understood, & Justice speedily administred.

Great Law, chapter 37.

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 CHAPTER 25.
 

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[25] THE LAW ABOUT TRIALLS BY 12 MEN.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Trialls in Civil Cases shall be by 12 men, & as near as may be, Peeres or Equalls & of the Nieghbourhood, & men without just exception.

And in Criminal matters of Life there shall be first 24 Returned by the Sheriff for a grand Inquest, of whom 12 at least shall find the Complaint to be true, and then 48 shall be Likewise returned by the sheriff, of whom 12 shall have the finall Judgment—But reasonable Challenges shall be always admitted against all or any of them.

Great Law, chapter 38. See Vol. II St.L. 128, ch. XCIII.

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CHAPTER 26.

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[26] THE LAWS ABOUT FEES, BRIBERY & EXTORTION.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Fees & Salaries in all Cases shall be moderate & Limited by the Governor & Assembly, & be hung upp on a Table in every respective Court, and whosoever shall be convicted of taking more shall pay twofold and be dismissed his Employment, one Moiety of which shall goe to the party wronged.

And that all persons convicted of Bribery and extortion, shall forfeit double the same.

Be it further enacted That all Fees by Law established in this Province & Territories, shall be paid in Money or value thereof in Country-growth or produce at Current price.

Whereas Complaint hath been made that the Fees due to Severall Officers according to Law, are unpaid & refused by divers to be paid, and that it is both unreasonable & impossible that men should wait upon & serve other persons occasioned in any capacity in the Government without just satisfaction, Be it further enacted, that in Case any Fees shall be unpaid the first day of the next tenth month after they are due, upon Complaint to the County Court, Execution shall be granted upon the Goods & Chattells of the persons oweing the fees aforesaid.

Great Law, chapter 39; chapter 123, 1683; chapter 150, 1683; chapter 92, 1693.

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CHAPTER 27.

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[27] THE LAW ABOUT DEFALCATION.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That for avoiding numerous Suits, if two men dealing together be indebted to each other, upon Bonds, bills, bargains or the Like, provided they be of equal Clearness and truth, the Defendant shall in his answer acknowledge the debt