
 CHAPTER 30.

[30] THE LAWS ABOUT WILLS.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Wills in writing attested by two Sufficient Wittnesses shall be of the same force to Lands as to other Conveyances being Legally proved within 40 days either within or without the said Province.

Be it further Enacted That the Will of no person shall be of force that is not in his or her right mind & usuall understanding at the making thereof.

Great Law, chapters 45, 46. See Vol. II St.L. 48, ch. XLIII.

 CHAPTER 31.

[31] THE LAW AGAINST DEFACERS OF CHARTERS.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all defacers, Corrupters or Embezilers of Charters, Gifts, Grants, Records bonds, Bills, Wills, Contracts or Conveyances, or that shall deface or falsify any enrolment, Registry or Record within this province &c, shall make double satisfaction for the same, half whereof shall goe to the partie wronged, And they shall be dismist of all places of Trust & be publickly disgraced as false persons.

Great Law, chapter 50. See Vol. II St.L. 16, ch. XVI.

 CHAPTER 32.

[32] THE LAW ABOUT GOALERS.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Goalers shall not Oppress their Prisoners, & that all Prisons shall be free as to Room, and all Prisoners shall have Liberty to provide themselves Bedding, Food

& other Necessaries during their Imprisonment, Except such whose punishment by Law will not admitt of that Liberty.

Great Law, chapter 53. See Vol. II St.L. 99, ch. LXXXIII.

CHAPTER 33.

[33] THE LAW ABOUT PRISONS.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Prisons shall be Work-houses for Fellons, Thieves, Vagrants & Loose abusive & Idle persons, whereof one shall be in every County.

Great Law, chapter 54. See Vol. II St.L. 99, ch. LXXXIII.

CHAPTER 34.

[34] THE LAW ABOUT THE MANNER OF PUNISHMENT.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That as in divers Laws the penalty of the Offence is thus Exprest, either a certain Sum of money, or a certain Time of Imprisonment at hard Labour in the house of Correction, It shall be Left to the Choice of the Civil Magistrate; which of the two punishments he will inflict upon the persons so offending—And whosoever shall know of any of the aforementioned offences & inform the Civil Magistrat thereof, shall have one third of the Fine—And if any one shall conceal such person, he or she shall pay one half of the fine due from the guilty person.

Great Law, chapter 56.