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 CHAPTER 57.
 

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## [57] THE LAW AGAINST MURDER.

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid That if any person within this province or territories thereof, shall wilfully premeditatedly kill another person, or willfully or premeditatedly be the Cause of or Accessary to the death of any person, such person shall, according to the Law of God, suffer death, and one half of his Estate shall go to his Wife & Children, and if no Wife nor Children, then to the next of his kindred, not descending lower than to the Third Degree to be claimed within three years after his death; And the other half of his estate to be disposed of as the Governour shall see meet.

Chapter 118, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 14, ch. XIII.

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 CHAPTER 58.
 

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## [58] THE LAW ABOUT BINDING TO THE PEACE.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatsoever person shall threaten another, to wound, kill or destroy him, or harm him to his person or estate, And the person so threatened Shall Solemnly testify as in the Sight of an All-Seeing God, that hee hath ground given him to believe that from such threatening hee is in danger to be destroyed or harmed either in body or estate, Every such person so threatening as aforesaid, shall be bound over with two Sufficient Sureties to appear at the next Sessions of the County Court, to be holden for such respective County, and to be proceeded against according to Law, & to be bound to the peace or good behaviour.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. Chapter 119, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 23, ch. XXVI.