

the officer Specially appointed by the Governour for that purpose, Under the penalty of forfeiting all such Leather, upon proof made of his offence, before any two Justices of the County Court, And both Buyer and Seller Shall be Liable to be indicted as for a nuisance; Also if any Shoemaker Shall presume to make up into Shoes or Boots any Such insufficient Leather, shall forfeit such Shoes and boots & — And the appointed Officer is hereby Impowered by a warrant first Obtained from any Justice of the peace for the said County, to Seize any such Insufficient Leather, Shoes or Boots made thereof, And bring it to the next County Court to be Condemned.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. Chapter 183, 1685. See Vol. II St.L. 90, ch. LXXIV.

CHAPTER 78.

[78] THE LAW AGAINST USURY.

Be It Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that none shall take directly nor indirectly for the Loan or use of money or any Commodities above the value of eight pounds, for the forbearance of one hundred pounds for a year; and So proportionably after that rate, And they that receive or take more forfeit the money or things Lent, And that this Law Continue and be in force for one whole year and no Longer.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. Chapter 187, 1688. Amended by chapter 120, 1694. See Vol. II St.L. 17, ch. XVIII.

CHAPTER 79.

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

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any person who dyed or shall dye Intestate, being owner of Lands within this Province or Territories, & hath Left, or shall Leave Legal issue, It shall be Lawfull for the Court of Orphans, with the approbation of the Governour & Council, to Impower the widow or Administrator in Case of Consider-

able debts, charge of child or Children, to make Sale of such parts or tracts of the said Land as the Council & Court shall Judge meet, towards the defraying of such Just debts, the education of such child or children, support of the widow, and the better Improving the remainder of the estate to their advantage, And that this Law Continue and be in force for one whole year and no Longer.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. Chapter 188, 1688. Amended by chapter 122, 1694 and chapter 130, 1697. See Vol. II St.L. 51, ch. XLVI.

CHAPTER 80.

[80] THE LAW ABOUT TAKING LANDS IN EXECUTION FOR DEBTS.

Forasmuch as by a Law made at Upland, It was Enacted that all Lands wer made Liable to pay debts with such restrictions & Limitations as are therein expressed — For the fuller and more Satisfactory explanation and alteration of the same, It is hereby Enacted, That all Lands whatsoever and Houses shall be Liable to Sale, Upon Judgment and execution obtained against the defendant, his heirs, executors or administrators — With this Due Proviso, That the Messuage and plantation with its appurtenances, upon which the defendant is Chiefly Seated, may not be exposed to Sale, till the expiration of one year after the Judgment Obtained, To the intent that the owner or any on his behalfe may endeavour the Redemption of the Land — And before such Sale shall be made, the appraisment thereof, shall be by twelve honest & discreet men of the neighbourhood, And that after such Sale and appraisment as aforesaid, the Land shall be and Remain as a free and Clear estate to the purchaser or Creditor, his heirs and Assigns forever, as ever it was to the debtor — Provided always that Lawfull interest be allowed to the Creditor from the time of the said Judgment obtained, Untill up to time of Sale or Satisfaction,

Provided also that the Chief plantation or messuage shall be the Last to be executed, & that this Law continue for one whole year, & till the rising of the next general Assembly, & untill twenty days after and no Longer.