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**CHAPTER 99.**

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**THE LAWS ABOUT TESTATES & INTESTATES ESTATES.**

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Reall Estates & Lands tenements & hereditaments and all personall Estates which any person hath in this province & Territories att the time of his Decease shall be Lyable Either by Convayance or bill of Sale Duely Executed by the Lawfull Executor or administrator of such Deceased & aproved & acknowledged in open Court according to Law, or by Judgment & order of the Respective Courts of Record upon Dew prosedure therein had to be seized & Sould for payment of the decedents Just depts so far as the same Estate shall Extend in dew order of Law, that is to say first Funarall Expences, then Depts & Dutys dew to the governor then judgments, then Depts by Recognizance & then Debts by obligation then bills then Rents then Services & workemens wages then Merchants Bookes Lately Contracted, & promises by word, arrears of accounts & Such like which said sale & seisures are hereby Declared to be binding and Conclusive against such Deceaseds & their heires & all Claiming under them. & after all Debts are paid as aforesaid then the Surplussage or Residue if any be of all the testators said personall Estate shall be by the Executors Devided & proportionally Distributed according to their last wills and that the surplusage or Residue of an Intestates personall Estate all Debts being paid as aforesaid shall be thus disposed of and Distrebuted to witt one third thereof to the wife of the Intestate the Residue amongst his Children & such as Legally Represents them (if any of them be dead) the Eldest Son having a Double part or share, & if there be no Children nor Legall Representatives of them, one moyety shall be allotted to the wife the Residue Equally to the next of Kindred to the Intestate in equall degree, & those whoe Represent them; & if the Intestate Leaveth no wife Child or Children it shall goe to his brothers & sisters if any be, or to the Children of such Brothers & Sisters, & in Case no Such be, it shall goe to the parents & for want of kindred the one halfe to the Governor for the time being and the other halfe to the publique

Stock of the County where Such Estate Lyeth & the personall Estate of an Intestate widdow shall goe to her Child or Children the same to be Disposed of as aforesaid & the personall Estate of a single man or woman Dying Intestate shall goe to his & their brothers and Sisters if any be, & for want of such then as before Limited provided allways that where such testators or Intestators said personall Estates are Sufficent to pay all Debts and damages owing by them att the times of their decease, with all Charges Insident thereunto, that then their Respective Reall Estate aforesaid shall be disposed of & Distrebuted in Manner following that is to say all testators Reall Estate to be Invested & Remain as their last wills and Testaments Devise the same & one third part of all Intestates Lands & Tenements to the wife for her life the Resedue and Remainder thereof to be allotted and destributed in the same mannor as the surplusage of the Intestates personall Estates as above limeted & directed all which distrebutions of the Remainders & Surplusages as well of the Testates as Intestates Estates are to be made by the Regester Generall for the time being within twelve months after the decedents death and Every one to whom any shares shall be aloted shall give bond with Sureties to the said Regester Generall that if debts afterwards be made to appear he or she shall Refund his or her Ratable part thereof & of the Executors or administrators Charges accrewing thereby and that all such of the Intestates Relations & persons Concerned who shall not lay legall Cleames to the said Estates within three yeares next after the decease of the Intestate party shall be debared for Ever

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that all Executors & Gardians to persons under age shall give Sufficent bond to the Court of Orphants in the precincts where they live faithfully to Discharge their trust and that the said obligations shall stand in full force & vertue till they have passed their accounts in Court and are Legally discharged and if any man shall refuse this honest Care and Charge in the Government unlesse he have five Children to take Care of or is allready Executor to one will or hath persons nearer Related to him who in all likelihood will Impose that Charge upon him he shall be fined at the discretion of the aforesaid Court who shall appoint one

to administer In the Roome of such person to the Ends Expressed in the will of the Testator.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 23. H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1693, chapter 14. Presented to the Lords of Committee of Trade and Plantation, July 25-August 3, 1694, but not presented to Her Majesty pending further consideration by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. See chapter 130, 1697.

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## CHAPTER 100.

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### THE LAW ABOUT KILLING OF WOLFS.

And be It Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person within This Province or Territories thereof shall kill a Dog-Wolf, hee shall have ten shillings, and if a Bitch-Wolf, fifteen shillings, To be paid out of the publick Stock of the County. Provided, such person brings the wolfs head to one of the Justices of the peace of that County, Who is to Cause the ears and tongue of the said wolf to be cut off The benefit of this Law to extend to Indians as well as others.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, a true transcript or Duplicate . . . As they appear in the files in the Secretary's Office of the said Province . . . this 13th day of Febry AD 1697, p. 45. P.H.M.C., Archives, RG-21; Patrick Robinson's Manuscript Law Book, 1682-1690. H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1693, chapter 15. Presented to Her Majesty for consideration, August 1-3, 1694. Confirmed August 9, 1694. Chapter 86, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 85, ch. LXIX.

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## CHAPTER 101.

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### THE LAW ABOUT BUILDING BRIDGES.

Chapter 89. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid That bridges shall be built over small Creeks & Rivers which are difficult & apt to be high by Sudden Rains In the Kings high way from the falls of Delaware to the Southermost parts of Sussex County within the space of Eighteen Months after the rising of this Generall As-