

## CHAPTER LXIII.

## AN ACT FOR THE SITTING OF ORPHANS' COURTS.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the justices of the respective county courts shall sit twice every year to inspect and take care of the estate, usage and employments of orphans, which shall be called the Orphans' Courts, and shall sit in each county within this province and territories in the First and Seventh months yearly, after the business of the respective county courts shall be ended.

Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Acts of Assembly, passed October 28, 1701, Chapters 105 and 106, and supplied by the Act of March 27, 1712-13, Chapter 197.

## CHAPTER LXIV.

## AN ACT REQUIRING ALL MASTERS AND COMMANDERS OF ALL SHIPS AND VESSELS TO MAKE REPORT AT THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, THAT ARE OR SHALL BE BOUND TO AND FROM THE SEA.

Whereas by a law of this province made the tenth day of the Twelfth month, one thousand six hundred and ninety-and-nine, entitled "An act for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in trade with this Province," &c., it was enacted that all masters and commanders of ships or other vessels bound to and from this province should make report to the collector or officers of the King's customs in the port of Newcastle, whence they came and whither they are bound, and that notwithstanding whereof, the said act hath not been observed, but several vessels have

since contemptuously passed by the said port without compliance with the said act, because no penalty was therein provided against such as offended therein; for preventing whereof for the future, and for the preventing of frauds and abuses in trade:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all masters and commanders of all ships and vessels trading to and from this province or any part thereof as aforesaid, shall be obliged and are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make report to the collector or officer of the King's customs in the said port of Newcastle aforesaid, whence such ship or vessel came and whither she is bound. And that all masters of ships or vessels of the burden of one hundred tons or upwards, that shall not make such report shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds silver money of this province; and that all masters or commanders of ships or vessels under the burden of one hundred tons, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds like money, one-third part thereof to the proprietary and governor, and the other two-thirds part to be paid and disposed of as the county court in and for the town and county of Newcastle, shall direct and appoint for the use of the said town of Newcastle; the same to be recovered in any court of record within this province or territories, by action of debt, bill, plaint, information or otherwise, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law shall be allowed.

Provided always, That the said collector, officer or their deputies be there to take such report from such masters or commanders as aforesaid. Nevertheless it is hereby intended that this act shall not extend to strangers inward bound that have not before their arrival had due notice of this law, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6. See Appendix I, Section II, especially paragraph 54.