
 CHAPTER 31.

LAW AGAINST SCOLDING.

Chapter 31. *And be it &c:* That if anie person shall be Clamorous, Scolding & Railing with their tongues, upon Complaint and full proof thereof, befor a Justice of the peace, The said Justice shall for evrie Such Offence Committ Such persons to the house of Correction there to remain 3 days at hard Labour.

Originally chapter 34, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as part of chapter 22.

 CHAPTER 32.

LAW PROVIDING FOR POOR PERSONS AND ORPHANS.

Chapter 32. *And be it &c:* That if anie person or persons shall fall into decay & provertie, & not be able to maintain themselves & children with their honest Endeavours, or shall dye & Leave poor Orphans, That upon Complaint to the next Justice of the peace of the Same County The Said Justice finding the Complaint to be true, Shall make provision for them, in Such way as they Shall See convenient, till the next County-Court, & that there Care be taken for their future Comfortable Subsistence.

Originally chapter 37, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693. See Vol. II St.L. 20, ch. XXIII.

 CHAPTER 33.

LAW REGULATING THE PRICES OF BEER AND ALE.

Chapter 33. *And to Prevent Exaction in publick houses Be it &c:* That all Strong beer & Ale made of Barley-Malt, Shall be Sold for not

above 2 pence Sterling, a full Wine-chester quart & all Beer or drink made of mollasses, Shall not exceed one penny by the quart.

Originally chapter 38, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Amended by chapter 162, 1684. Chapter 191, 1690 included it among the laws to be continued until the end of the next General Assembly and twenty days after and no longer, but it was still in force to be abrogated in 1693.

CHAPTER 34.

LAW CONCERNING STANDARD WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Chapter 34. *And to Prevent fraud in Measures, & to Reduce all forreign Measures here, to the English Standard, Be it &c:* That the measures of this Province Shall be according to the Standard of the Weights & Measures in England, That is to say, A Bushell shall Contain Eight gallons, according to the Winchester Measure And all Weights to be Averdupois, which hath 16 ounces to the pound, Within 3 Months after the first Sessions of this Assembly.

Originally chapter 39, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Repealed by chapter 155, 1684; but chapter 191, 1690, included it among the laws to be continued until the end of the next General Assembly and twenty days after and no longer. It was abrogated, however, in 1693. Another and virtually identical act, chapter 102, 1683, was accepted in the Petition of Right, as chapter 54.

CHAPTER 35.

LAW CONCERNING DAYS OF THE WEEK, MONETH &C.

Chapter 35. *And be it &c:* further &c. That the days of the week & months of the year, Shall be called as in Scripture, & not by Heathen Names (as are Vulgarly used) as the first, Second, & Third Months of the year, & first, Second & Third days of the Week, & beginning with the day called Sun-day, & the Month called March.

Originally chapter 41, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 23.