

Originally chapter 50, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as part of chapter 28.

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CHAPTER 43.

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LAW ABOUT VERBAL CONTRACTS.

Chapter 43. *And be it &c:* That all Promises Bargains & Agreements about burying & Selling being made appear by Sufficient Evidence shall stand good & firm, And Such as Shall Violate the Same, hee or shee shall for every Such offence pay twice the value to the person wronged.

Originally chapter 51, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Chapter 191, 1690 included it among the laws to be continued to the end of the next General Assembly and twenty days after and no longer. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 29.

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CHAPTER 44.

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LAW ABOUT DEEDS AND WRITTEN CONTRACTS.

Chapter 44. *And be it &c:* That to Prevent Frauds & Vexatious Suits within the Said Province and territories thereunto annexed All Charters, Gifts, Grants, & Conveyances of Land (except Leases for one year or under) And all Bills, Bonds & Specialities above 5 pounds, & not under 3 Months made in the said Province, Shall be Enrolled or Registred in the publick Enrollment Office of the said Province, within the Space of 2 Months next after the making thereof, Else Shall be void in Law.... And all Deeds, Grants & Conveyances of Land (except as aforesaid) within the said Province, & made out of the said Province Shall be Enrolled or Registred as aforesaid within .6. Months next after the making thereof and Settling and Constituting an Enrollment-office or Registry within ther Said Province, Else to be void in Law against all persons whatsoever. And in Case the deeds of Purchase in England made of Lands in this Province, Should be Lost by

the way, and So cannot be Registered, Copies of the deeds attested by a Publick Notary Shall be of equal force therin.

Originally chapter 52, confirmed by chapter 63, 1683, and renumbered. Declared a fundamental law by chapter 141, 1683. Abrogated in 1693. New law enacted as chapter 108, 1693.

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CHAPTER 45.

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LAW ABOUT SIGNING WILLS.

Chapter 45. *And be it &c:* That all Wills in Writing attested by 2 Sufficient witnesses, Shall be of the Same force as to Lands as to other Conveyances, being Legally proved Within 40 days either within or without the said Province.

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CHAPTER 46.

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LAW ABOUT CAPACITY TO MAKE WILLS.

Chapter 46. *And be it &c:* That the Will of no person Shall be of force, that is not in his or her Right mind, and usuall Understanding, at the making therof.

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CHAPTER 47.

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LAW CONCERNING REGISTRY FOR VITAL STATISTICS.

Chapter 47. *And be it &c:* That ther shall be a Registry for Births, Marriages, Burialls, Wills, The names of Executors, Guardians &