
 CHAPTER 112.

LAW ABOUT EDUCATION.

Chap: 112 And to the End that poor as well as Rich may be instructed in good & Commendable Learning, which is to be preferred before wealth, Be it &c: That all persons in this Province & territories therof having children, & all the Guardians or Trustees of Orphans, shall Cause such to be instructed in Reading & writting, so that they may be able to read the Scriptures & to write by the time they attain to 12 years of age, and that then they be taught some usefull trade or Skill, that the poor may work to Live & the rich if they become poor may not want, of which every County-Court shall take Care, And in Case such parents, guardians or Overseers shall be found deficient in this respect, Every such parent, guardian or Overseer shall pay for every Such Child 5 pounds, Except there should appear an incapacity in body or understanding to hinder it.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693. Replaced by chapter 111, 1693.

 CHAPTER 113.

LAW ABOUT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Chap: 113 Wheras the Governor may on many Occasions be disapoynted of truw & speedy information of publick affairs, as well from Europe, as the nigh-bouring Colonies & remoter parts of this Province & territories therof, For the prevention of all Such inconveniencies for the future, Be it &c: That every Justice of the peace, Sherrif or Constable within the respective Counties of this Province & territories therof, to whose hands or knowledge any Letter or Letters shall come directed to or from the Governor, shall dispatch them within 3 houres at the furthest, after the receipt or knowledge therof, to the next Sherrif or Constable, & so forwards as the Letters direct, Upon the

penalty of 20 shillings, for every hours delay And in Such Cases all Justices of the peace Sheriffs, or Constables are hereby impowered to press either man or horse for that Service, allowing for a horse or man 2 pence by the mile to be paid out of the Publick Stock.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693.

CHAPTER 114.

LAW ABOUT BUYING LAND OF NATIVES.

Chap: 114 Be it &c: That if anie person shall presume to buy any Land of the Natives in the Limits of this Province or territories therof, without Leave from the Proprietary & Governor thereof, or his deputy, Such person shall Lose the said Land, and pay at the Rate of ten shillings for every 100 Acres therof, to the Governor or his Assigns.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693, but accepted in Petition of Right, June 1, 1693, as chapter 56.

CHAPTER 115.

LAW ABOUT ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING.

Chap: 115 Be it &c: That every person from time to time, inhabiting or residing within this Province or Territories therof, & all such as have, or hereafter shall have any estate of Land, & be at any time in person within the said Province or territories therof, shall promise Allegiance to the king & fidelity & obedience to Wm. Penn Proprietary & Governor & to the Laws of the government of this Province & territories therof, according to the King's Letters patents. And if any person shall refuse so to do, wher duly administred unto him by the Governor, his deputy, or one of the Justices of the peace of any County in this Province or territories therof That every such person so Refusing shall forfeit all his Right and title in & to the said Land.