
 CHAPTER 141.

LAW AFFIRMING PRIOR LAWS.

Chap: 141 Whereas in all Governments, there are Some Laws more essentially requisit to the Well-being thereof. Upon a serious Consideration of those Laws which have bin made in this province, Since the arrivall of the Proprietary and Governor, It is in a more especiall Manner thought fitt that it be Enacted And be it Enacted by the Proprietary & Governor with the advice and Unanimous Consent of the free-men of this Province & territories thereof, in Provincial-Council & Assembly mett That these following Laws, That is to say

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That the Laws be in English

Shall be Reputed and held, and are hereby Reputed and held for Fundamentall in the government of this Province and territories thereof And that this, not any of those Laws afore-said, shall be altered, diminished or Repealed in whole or part, without the Consent of the Governor his heirs or assigns & six parts of seven of the free-men of this province or territories thereof in Provincial Council & Assembly mett.

The "Law of fundamentalls" needed no confirmation by succeeding sessions of the General Assembly, but it was abrogated by Governor Fletcher in 1693. The page references are to Patrick Robinson's Law Book.

CHAPTER 142.

LAW ABOUT PUBLISHING LAWS.

Chap: 142 Because where there is no Law, there, is no Transgression, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Laws past in this or any other Generall-Assembly, shall be published within one week after the said Laws shall Come to the hands of the president or Clerk of the Court of each County in the most noted place thereof . . . And all Laws past this Generall Assembly or that shall pass any other Generall Assembly (such only excepted in which the time of their beginning to be in force is particularly expressed) shall begin to be in force from such publication as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Laws past this Generall Assembly (the act of Indemnity & Law of Fundamentalls only excepted), shall Continue in force till the publication of the Laws to be past next after the first Sessions of the next Generall-Assembly, and no Longer.

See chapter 174, 1684.