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A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 5.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1693, chapter 2.
Presented to Lords of Committee of Trades and Plantations, July 25-August 3, 1694. Not presented to Her Majesty pending further consideration by Pennsylvania General Assembly. See chapter 128, 1697 and Vol. II St.L. 57, ch. L.

CHAPTER 88.

THE LAW ABOUT APPEALS TO THE PROVINCIALL COURTS.

Be it Enacted by Benjamin Fletcher Captain General & Governor in Cheif of the Province of Pensilvania & Country of New Castle And the Territorys & Tracts of Land depending thereon in America by & with the advise & Consent of the Council & Representatives of the said province & Countryes in Generall Assembly Met and by the authority of the same That all Tryalls of titles for Land, all actions of dept. account or Slander actions personall and all actions Civill & Crimenall whatsoever (Excepting treson Murder Manslaughter Rape Sodomy Buggerie Burglarie & Burning of houses) shall be first heard & tried in the proper County Courts by the Respective Justices which County Courts shall be Kept & held quarterly in Every County of this province and Countys anexed, & oftener if occasion be, which County Courts Shall be Courts of Equity for the hearing & Decreeing all matters & Causes Cognizable in the said Courts under the vallew of ten pounds, & in Case either Plaintiff or Defendant shall apprehend themselves agreeved with the verdict of the Jury, or Judgment of the Court, they may appeale to have the Cause of Complaint heard over & Determined by the then next provinciall Court, to be held for the said County, which said Appeale Shall be graunted provided that the Dept or Damage in the said Judgment be ten pounds or upwards, the appellat giving

good & sufficient Secuerety to prosecute the said Appeales to pay all Costs & Damages that shall be awarded against him, & it is further Enacted that there shall be five provinciall Judges apointed by the Governor which Judges or any three of them shall be a provinciall Court and Sitt twice Every year at the town of Philadelphia on the foure & twentyth day of the seventh month and the tenth day of the Second month and at least two of the five Every fall & Spring yearly shall goe their Circute into Every Respective County In this Government and their hold a provinciall Court on the twenty Eight day of the Seventh Month & the fourteenth day of the Second Month in the County of Bucks and on the second day of the Eight Month & on the Eighteenth day of the Second Month at Chester & on the fifth day of the Eight Month and the one & twentyeth day of the Second Month at New Castle and on the ninth day of the Eight Month, & twenty fifth day of the Second Month in the County of Kent and on the thirteenth day of the Eight Month & twenty ninth day of the Second Month att Lewis In the County of Sussex when where & as often as there shall be occasion of which occasion notice shall be given by the Respective Clarkes where such appeales are so granted as aforesaid under the County Seale directed to the Governor for the time being by the first oportunity after such appeales are graunted which said Circuler Courts shall have the hearing and determining of all appeales from the said Respective County Courts both in Law & Equity grantable by the said County Courts which Judges are also hereby authorized and Impowered at the time & places aforesaid to heare and determine Treason Murder Manslaughter Rape Sodomy Buggery Burglarie & burning of houses in all & every the said Respective Countys & that all Justices & other offices Shall yeald Due attendance to the Said Judges Dureing the Sitting and Continuance of the said Provinciall Court and the Sherrif of Every Respective County shall meet and attend the Judges into and out of their respective Baylywick and take Care to Defray the Charge of the said Judges, which said Judges, shall be allowed out of the Respective County Rates Dureing there sitting and traveling in that Service ten shillings each for every day

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A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 7.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1693, chapter 3. See
Vol. II St.L. 134, ch. c.

CHAPTER 89.

THE LAW ABOUT FORMS OF WRITTS.

And to the End that plainness & brevity may be used Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid That all arrests & summons to answer & made according to the following forms shall be held legal & authentick within this Government.

An Arrest

These are in the King & Queens name to command thee to arrest the body of A B: if found in thy baylywick and him Safly keep & have at the next County Court to be held at on the day of month next as well to answer the complaint of C D as to abide the Judgment of the said Court and make return hereof & of thy doing herein at the said Court fail not at thy perill and for thy so doing this Shall be thy Sufficient warrant given under my hand & Seale this day of in the 5th year of the Reign of William & Mary over England &c King and Queen Anno Domi.

To the Sherif

Summons

These are in the King & Queens name to Require thee A B: to be and appear at the next County Court to be held at on the day of next to answer the complaint of C D and thereof faile not at thy Perrill given under my hand & seale this day of in the year of the Reign of William & Mary over England &c Annoqe Dom

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 9.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1693, chapter 4. From
chapter 203, 1690. See Vol. II St.L. 136, ch. CI.