

within this Province, where any Husband or Father shall absent from, and forsake his Wife and Children, or any Widow shall absent from, and forsake her Children, and leave them a public Charge; to apply to two Justices of the Peace, and by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said two Justices, to take and seize the Goods and Chattels, and let out and receive the annual Rents and Profits of the Lands and Tenements of such Husband, Father, or Mother so absconding as aforesaid, for and towards the maintaining, bringing up, and providing for such Wife, Child, or Children so left as aforesaid, and so soon as the said Seizure shall be allowed of, and confirmed by the Justices in their *General* or *Quarter Sessions* of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for the said Overseers, or any two of them from Time to Time, and as the Case may require, to sell and dispose of so much and so many of the said Goods and Chattels at Public Sale, to the highest Bidder, and to apply the Money arising thereby towards the Maintenance of such poor Family so left as aforesaid.

Lands, Tenements and Effects of Parents or Husbands leaving their Children or Wives, liable to be taken for their Maintenance.

Overseers of the Poor to apply to 2 Justices.

Seizure to be allowed by Sessions.

Overseers then to sell and dispose of Goods and Chattels for that Purpose.

VII. *And be it further Enacted*, That in case of the Death of the Parents of any Child or Children, who have gained a Settlement in any Township as aforesaid, all and every such Child or Children, shall be supported by such Town or Township wherein the Parents so gained a Settlement.

Children of Parents deceased, who have gained a Settlement, to be supported.

VIII. *And be it Enacted*, That if any Town or Township, or Person or Persons whatsoever, shall think themselves aggrieved by any Proceedings had in Virtue of this Act, such Town or Township, Person or Persons, may appeal for Redress to the next *General* or *Quarter Sessions* of the Peace held for the County wherein such Town or Township shall be, or wherein such Person or Persons shall reside; and the Justices thereof are hereby required and empowered to hear and determine all and every such Appeal or Complaint, and to give Redress as they in their Judgment shall think equitable, and such their Order and Judgment shall be final and bind all Parties.

Townships or Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Sessions.

## C A P. II.

An Act in further Amendment of and Addition to an Act made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.*

3 Geo. 3. cap. 7.



HERE AS the restraining the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province, to meet only once a Year in order to make Provision for their Poor, is found very inconvenient; Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, That

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