

goal delivery throughout the province, and are justices of the peace in every county.

The supreme courts in Pennsylvania are held at Philadelphia, tenth day of April, and the twenty-fourth day of September.

There is an officer called the register general, for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration, whose authority extends all over the province, but executed by a deputy in each respective county, except at Philadelphia, where he is obliged to reside himself. He or his deputies in case of any dispute or caveat entered, may call two of the justices of the peace to assist him in giving decisions. The authority of this officer, and of all the others above-mentioned, is founded on acts of assembly, empowering the governor to commission and appoint such as seem to him qualified for that purpose.

The court of vice-admiralty, is, as in the other colonies, by commission from the admiralty in England.

The judiciary court of admiralty, is, as in the other colonies, by commission under the broad seal of England, some of the neighbouring provinces being included in one and the same commission; the judges are the governors, councils, captains of men of war, principal officers of the customs, and some justices of the peace.

The present taxes, or provincial revenue.

This consists of, 1. Excise, which is 30s. per pipe of wine, and 4d. per gallon of rum sold in publick houses; may amount to about 3000l. currency; it would be much more if properly collected. 2. The interest money of their paper currency let out by the loan office on land security, which may be about 5000l. per ann. These two articles have hitherto been sufficient to pay the governor and other officers of the government, to defray the charges of treaties and presents

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