

At the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, begun and holden at HALIFAX, on the Sixth Day of *June*, Anno Domini 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Fifth Day of *June*, Anno Domini 1771, in the Eleventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Second Session of the Fifth GENERAL-ASSEMBLY convened in the said Province.

## C A P. I.

An ACT in Addition to an Act, made in the Thirty Second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the Settlement and Distribution of the Estates of Intestates.*

32d. Geo. 2. Cap. 11.

HEREAS it is necessary that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, as Judge of Probate of Wills and Testaments, and granting Letters of Administration, or their Commissaries or Judges of Probate appointed by them for that Purpose, should be armed with Authority to punish those Persons who refuse or neglect to attend at their Courts upon due Citation.

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief as Judge of Probate or their Commissaries, or Judges of Probate by them appointed for that Purpose, be and are hereby fully authorised to call before him or them, and to require and administer an Oath unto any Person or Persons probably suspected by any Executor or Administrator, Heir, Creditor, Legatary, or other Person, having lawful Right or Claim to, or in such Estate to have concealed, imbezzled, or conveyed away, any Money, Goods, or Chattles left by the Testator or Intestate, for the Discovery of the same, and in Case any such suspected Person was intrusted by the Deceased, attended upon, or was otherwise conversant with, or near unto him

Judges of Probate authorised to call before them all Persons suspected of having Effects belonging to Testator or Intestate.