

to be recovered before any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county where the offence shall be committed: the one moiety thereof for the use of the poor of the township or place where the offence is committed, and the other moiety to the person or persons prosecuting for the same.

To encourage
the killing of
Wolves.

II. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for each and every county and district within the said Province, upon recommendation of the Grand Jury of each county or district, shall and may establish rules and orders for encouraging the killing and destroying of wolves, and may grant such rewards for the same as they shall think fit and proper.

Mode of raising
money for the
payment of re-
wards for killing
Wolves.

III. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That the Justices aforesaid, with the Grand Jury, shall have full power and authority to grant and assess upon each township or district, within their respective counties and districts, such sum or sums as shall be necessary to pay the rewards which shall be from time to time due by virtue of the rules and regulations as shall by them be established by virtue of this Act: the same to be assessed and collected in the same manner that county taxes are assessed and collected by the laws of this Province.

CAP. III.

An ACT to render valid, conveyances of Real Estates of married Women by them made, or to be made, during their coverture.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been usual for married women, entitled to real estates in this Province, to convey the same jointly with their husbands, during coverture, and no inconvenience hath been found to result therefrom:

How conveyances heretofore made by married women, jointly with their husbands, made valid.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That all grants and conveyances heretofore made and executed by any married woman, jointly with her husband, of any lands or tenements lying within this Province, to which such married woman was in any way possessed of, or entitled to, shall be good and valid in law, as if the same had been made by a *feme sole*, or by any other person or persons whomsoever; *provided,* Such married woman hath, after the execution of such grant or conveyance, acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace, that she did voluntarily make and execute such grant or conveyance, without any compulsion or constraint of her husband.

How conveyances are hereafter to be made by married women.

II. *Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That all grants and conveyances which shall hereafter be made by any married woman, jointly with her husband, of estates to which she is entitled, or in which she may have any present or future interest in her own right, or in any other way, or by any other means whatsoever, shall be good and valid in law, and of the same force and effect as if the same grants and conveyances had been made by a *feme sole*, or by any other person or persons whomsoever, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding. *Provided,* The deed or deeds, by which such grants or conveyances shall be made and subscribed by such married woman, shall have been acknowledged in the presence of a Judge of the Supreme Court of this Province, or any Justice of the Inferior Court of the county wherein such *feme covert* shall be or reside, or shall be after the execution thereof, acknowledged by such married woman, before such Justice, as her free act and deed, and to have been executed for the purposes in the said deed or deeds mentioned, and that the same was done without any force or compulsion from her husband.

If acknowledged before a Judge of the Supreme Court, or Justice of the Inferior Court.

And whereas it may so happen, that married women not residing within this Province, may be possessed of, or entitled to, lands and tenements within the same, and which they may be desirous of granting and conveying:

III. *Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That grants or conveyances hereafter made by such married women of lands and tenements within this Province, shall and may be made agreeable to the mode herein before prescribed, and shall be made and subscribed in the presence of some or one of the Justices of a Court of Record of the county or place where such feme covert may reside at the time of her making such grant or conveyance as aforesaid, or by acknowledging the same as aforesaid, after the execution thereof.*

Mode of conveying Lands belonging to married women not resident within the Province.

CAP. IV.

An ACT for the preservation of Partridges, and blue winged Ducks.

WHEREAS *the preservation of the before-mentioned species of birds, or fowls, during the time of their breeding, will be highly beneficial to the inhabitants of this Province:*

Preamble.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the publication hereof, no person or persons whomsoever shall, under any pretence whatsoever, kill any partridge within this Province, from the first day of March until the first day of September; or any of that species of duck commonly called the black duck, or blue winged duck, from the first day of April, until the first day of August in any year.*

To prevent the killing of Partridges and blue winged Ducks at certain seasons of the year.

II. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That every person who shall take, kill or destroy, or who shall sell, or expose to sale, or who shall buy, or cause to be bought, any partridge, or black duck, or who shall have in his or her custody or possession, any dead partridge or black duck, within the respective times herein before mentioned, shall, for every partridge or duck so taken, killed, destroyed, sold, or exposed to sale, or found dead in his or her possession, forfeit the sum of ten shillings, for each and every offence: to be recovered on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, or by the confession of the party before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county where the offence shall be committed: the same to be levied, with the lawful cost, either on the person or property of the offender, and to be paid to the informer.*

Penalty for such as transgress.

III. *Provided always, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any indian, or other poor settler, who shall kill any partridge, or black duck, within the times herein before mentioned for his own use.*

Act not to extend to any Indian, or other poor settler.

CAP. V.

An ACT for altering the Time of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Cumberland.

This Act altered by the 39th Geo. 3d. cap. 5.

CAP. VI.

An ACT for altering the Time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Cumberland, in the Spring of the Year.

This Act altered by the 36th Geo. 3d. cap. 3.