

tain the arrears thereof in the following action, [*here insert declaration*] and make return hereof and of the verdict of the Jury to us forthwith. Witness, &c.

CAP. XXVI.

An Act to amend the Act relating to Intestate Estates.

Section.

1. Distribution of Estates of Intestates.
2. Force of Act limited.

Section.

3. Chap. 111, s. 1. Rev. Stat., repealed.

Passed 6th April 1858.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. When any person shall die intestate, his estate shall be divided equally to and amongst his children or their legal representatives, including in the distribution children of the half blood; and in case there be no children of the intestate, then to the next of kindred in equal degree, and their representatives, but children advanced by settlement or portions not equal to the other shares, shall have so much of the surplusage as shall make the estate of all equal, reserving the widow's right of dower.

2. This Act shall not extend to the estate of any person who may have died before the passing thereof, nor to the estate of any person who at the time of the passing thereof was *non compos mentis*, and does so continue until his death.

3. Section 1, Chapter 111, Title xxx, of the Revised Statutes, "Of Intestate Estates," is hereby repealed.

CAP. XXVII.

An Act to continue and amend an Act relating to Steam Navigation in this Province.

Section.

1. Act 17 V. c. 9, continued.
2. Pressure at inspection and for working.
3. Life Boats, construction of.
4. Life preservers, number of, regulated.

Section.

5. Lock up safety escape valve.
6. Act not to apply to H. M. Steamers.
7. Commencement of Act.

Passed 6th April 1858.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. An Act made and passed in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act relating to*

Steam Navigation in this Province, is hereby continued, and shall, together with the amendments hereinafter made, be and remain in full force until the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

2. The owner or master of every Steamer shall at the time of each and every inspection or examination of the boilers of such Steamer, state in writing to the Inspector the amount of pressure which he is willing the boilers shall be subjected to; and the Inspector shall not in any case authorize a greater weight to the square inch of any boilers than two thirds of the amount of pressure such boilers shall have sustained during the inspection; provided always, that the working pressure upon any boilers so authorized by the Inspector shall in no case exceed ninety pounds to the square inch.

3. The Life Boat to be carried by every sea-going Steamer shall be either of metal, as required in and by the first Section of the said recited Act, or of wood with air-tight metallic compartments at the ends and sides, according to the directions of the Inspector.

4. Every sea-going Steamer of the registered tonnage of two hundred tons and upwards, shall be provided with not less than one hundred life preservers; of the registered tonnage of less than two hundred tons, with one life preserver for every five tons: Steamers for River or Inland Navigation of the registered tonnage of two hundred tons and upwards, shall be provided with not less than twenty life preservers; and of less than two hundred tons registered tonnage, with not less than ten life preservers: the whole to be made of suitable material and approved of by the Inspector.

5. That every Steam Boat plying on the Rivers, Bays and Harbours within this Province, shall have a lock up safety escape valve; and it shall be the duty of the Inspector to establish the pressure, lock up the same, and place the key in the hands of the Captain, and that the Captain be responsible for the safe keeping of the same.

6. Nothing in this Act contained, nor in the Act to which this is an amendment, shall apply to Steamers the property of Her Majesty.

7. This Act shall not go into operation until the twentieth day of June next.