

LAWS OF VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 1785

CHAP. LXXVIII. *An act declaring what persons shall be deemed mulattoes.*

I. *BE it enacted by the General Assembly*, That every person of whose grandfathers or grandmothers any one is, or shall have been a negro, although all his other progenitors, except that descending from the negro, shall have been white persons, shall be deemed a mulatto; and so every person who shall have one-fourth part or more of negro blood, shall, in like manner, be deemed a mulatto.

II. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.