

CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACT DIRECTING HOW PETTY OFFENSES SHALL BE PUNISHED.

Whereas many times, persons for misdemeanors, the fine of which is but small, being presented by the grand jury (which hath been the usual course of trials in such cases heretofore), have been put to great charges by reason of the fees that have accrued thereupon: for prevention whereof,

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That where the fine doth not exceed twenty shillings, one or more justices of the peace, upon due proof of the offense, or being committed in his or their presence, may determine and give judgment in every such case, and issue warrants to the constable to levy the said fine upon the offender's goods and chattels by distress and sale thereof; or may commit the offender to prison, as the law shall direct or require, except in such cases where the law leaves the fine to the discretion of the county court.

Passed November 27, 1700; allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6, and not acted upon. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Act of Assembly, passed October 28, 1701, Chapter 105, and the act passed March 11, 1789, Chapter 1394, as to Philadelphia.

CHAPTER XXII.

AN ACT FOR THE NAMES OF DAYS AND MONTHS.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to call and write