

woods, lands or marshes in this province or territories, before the first day of the First month yearly, or after the first day of the Third month, shall make good all damages that shall thereby happen to any of the inhabitants thereof.

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 Acts of Assembly, passed March 27, 1712-13, Chapter 198; March 29, 1734-35, Chapter 338; April 18, 1794, Chapter 1743.

CHAPTER LX.

AN ACT ABOUT ERECTING AND REGULATING THE PRICES OF FERRIES.

Whereas by reason of the great resort of people to and from the town of Philadelphia over Neshaminy Creek, there is occasion of a ferry to be erected for the same:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories thereunto belonging [in General Assembly met], and by the authority of the same, That there shall be a ferry boat for men and horses, built and kept at the most convenient place on the said creek, and in case any the inhabitants on or near the said creek refuse to build a boat and keep a ferry there, it shall be lawful for any other person that will build a house to have one acre of unimproved land on the said creek, paying yearly so much as the county court shall adjudge reasonable to the owner of such lands.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That between the Falls of Delaware and the town of Newcastle, the rates and prices of ferries shall be as followeth: (That is to say) over Delaware River at or near the Falls or near Burlington, three pence for every passenger; for oxen, bullocks, cows, heifers, horses and mares, four pence per head; for sheep, and hogs, one penny per head; and for every man and horse,

laden or unladen, ten pence; over Neshaminy creek, for every passenger, two pence; and for man and horse, five pence: over Schuylkill, for oxen, bullocks, cows, heifers, horses and mares per head, two pence; for sheep and hogs, one halfpenny; for a single passenger, two pence; and for all passengers above one, one penny a piece; for man and horse, laden or unladen, three pence: over Brandywine and Christine [Christiana], for every passenger, two pence; and for man and horse, laden or unladen, five pence; and for cattle, as over Schuylkill.

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CHAPTER LXI.

AN ACT FOR THE TRIAL OF NEGROES.

Whereas some difficulties have arisen within this province and territories about the manner of trial and punishment of negroes committing murder, manslaughter, buggery, burglary, rapes, attempts of rapes and other high and heinous enormities and capital offenses, for remedy whereof and for the speedy trial and condign punishment of such negro or negroes offending as aforesaid:

[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 from and after the publication of this present act, it shall and may be lawful for two justices of the peace of this province or territories, who shall be particularly commissioned by the proprietary and governor for that service within the respective counties thereof, and six of the most substantial freeholders of the neighborhood, to hear, examine, try and determine all such offenses committed by any negro or ne-