

CHAPTER LXX.

AN ACT CONCERNING BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

[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 if any person or persons within this province and territories shall draw or indorse any bill or bills of exchange upon any person or persons in England or other parts of Europe, and the same be returned back unpaid with a legal protest, the drawer thereof and all others concerned shall pay and discharge the contents of the said bill or bills, together with twenty pounds per cent advance for the damage thereof, and so proportionably for greater or less sums, in the same specie as the said bill or bills were drawn, or current money of this province equivalent to that [which] was first paid to the drawer or indorser.

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 See Appendix I, Section II, repealed by the Act of Assembly, passed March 30, 1821, P. L. 156.

CHAPTER LXXI.

AN ACT FOR THE REGULATING OF MONEY WEIGHTS AND FOR STAMPING THE SAME.

[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 thereunto belonging in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That no person within this government, from and after the publication hereof, shall be obliged to receive or take any money by any weights not made

of brass, regulated and stamped by the person or officer to be appointed for that purpose: which officer shall from time to time keep in his possession a true standard of brass Troy weights, according to the King's standard in England, by which all weights shall by him be truly and exactly regulated; and after such regulation he shall stamp or mark the same with his own stamp or mark, for which he shall take and receive one penny for every weight to be by him stamped or marked as aforesaid; which said officer shall have power once in three years to bring all or any person's weights to a new trial, and to alter and stamp the same as occasion shall require. And for the more speedy putting this law in execution, it shall and may be lawful for the proprietary and governor to commissionate a person to execute the same. And all persons receivers of money from any other person, shall receive the same in which end of the beam he shall think fit, if the payer be owner of the scales; and if the money turn the scale it shall be accounted payable.

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.

CHAPTER LXXII.

AN ACT APPOINTING THE RATE OF THE MONEY OR COIN WITHIN THIS PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES AND FOR PREVENTING THE CLIPPING OF THE SAME.

For the settling the rate and valuing the current coin within this province and territories, and prevention of clipping or diminishing the same:

[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 the several coins or pieces of money shall pass and be current within this province and territories at the