

1730-1. *V. Provided also,* That this act, nor anything therein contained shall be deemed or construed to impeach the just right or title, which any person or persons may have to any of the lands or tenements herein before mentioned, so that they prosecute such their right or claim within the space of three years next after the publication of this act.

Nor to impeach the title of any persons claiming the lands.

Passed 6th February 1730-31.—Recorded A. vol. II. page 418.

## CHAPTER CCCXXII.

*An ACT for the better prevention of accidents that may happen by fire in the city of Philadelphia, by bake-houses, and coopers shops.*

Ante. chap. 245.

**FOR** the further securing the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia from the dangers that may happen by fire, *BE it enacted,* That from and after the space of sixteen months next ensuing the publication of this act, no person whatsoever, within the said city, by himself, his agents, journeymen, or servants, shall occupy the trade of a cooper or baker, but in such shops or places as are built in the manner herein respectively directed and appointed: that is to say, That no person, after the time aforesaid, shall occupy the trade of a cooper, within the said city, but in a shop or place built of brick or stone with a large chimney in the same, the ceiling thereof plastered, no stairs nor passage up the loft within such shop, and the floor thereof to be earth, or laid with good two-inch oak plank. And that no person, after the time aforesaid, within the said city, shall occupy the trade of a biscuit or soft-bread-baker, but in a bake-house built of brick or stone, and arched over with brick, if the place will admit thereof, or otherwise to be well ceiled with plastering; the floor of the said bake-house paved with brick or stone; the crown of the oven to be secured by carrying up the foundation walls square, and filling the same with gravel or sand, at least six inches higher than the top of the oven; and the chimney to be arched in the said bake-house, without any timber in or near adjoining to the same.

How coopers-shops must be built.

How bake-houses must be built.

Penalty on offenders against this act.

**II.** *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons, from and after the time aforesaid, shall presume, by themselves, their agents, journeymen, or servants, to occupy the trade of a cooper, or biscuit or soft-bread baker, or either of them, within the city aforesaid, in any shop or place, other than is above directed, enjoined and appointed, every person so offending, for every month he, she or they, shall occupy the trades of baker or cooper, or either of them, in any shop or bake-house, contrary to the directions of this act, shall forfeit as herein after is provided; that is to say, for the first offence, the sum of twenty shillings; and for the second offence, the sum of thirty shillings; and for the third and every other offence, the sum of forty shillings, to be recovered, upon complaint made, in the name of the clerk of the market for the city of Philadelphia, or in the name of any other person who will give information of the same, for and towards the repair of fire engines,

and purchasing leathern buckets, before two Magistrates of the said city, whereof the Mayor for the time being to be one. 1730-1.

III. *Provided always*, That if any person or persons shall find him, her or themselves, aggrieved with any judgment or sentence of the said two magistrates, it shall and may be lawful for the person or persons, so aggrieved, to appeal to the next Court of Common Pleas, to be held for the city and county of Philadelphia aforesaid, whose judgment therein shall be definitive.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That no person whatsoever, within the city aforesaid, from and after the tenth day of May next ensuing, shall keep or stack any hay, within one hundred feet of any dwelling-house or other building, except it be in a stable, or other secure house, nor shall keep any greater number of faggots than two hundred, unless it be at a distance of one hundred feet from any dwelling-house or other building, under the penalty of ten shillings for every offence; which penalties so accruing shall be recovered, and applied in the manner and to the use aforesaid, with costs of suit; and the hay and faggots, so remaining against the tenor of this act, shall be liable to be removed, in such sort, manner and form, as any nuisance may be by the laws of Great-Britain, or this province.

Keeping of  
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