

shall be raised upon, or paid by any of the people of this Province & Territories annexed by way of a publick Tax Custome or Contribution, but by a Law for that purpose made by the Governor and free-men of the said province & territories thereof . . . And whosoever shall Levy, Collect, Receive or pay any money or goods Contrary thereunto, shall be held & punished as a publick enemy to the province, & a betrayer of the liberties of the people, And that no Tax at any time shall continue any longer than the space of one whole year.

Great Law, chapter 59.

CHAPTER 38.

[38] THE LAW ABOUT LIBERTY & PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Freeman within this Province of Pensilvania or Territories thereof, shall be taken or Imprisoned, or disseized of his freehold or Libertys, or be Out-lawed or exiled, or any other wise hurt, damnified or destroyed; Nor shall he be tryed or condemned, but by the Lawfull Judgment of his 12 Equalls, or by the Laws of this province & territories thereof.

Chapter 64, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 18, ch. XIX.

CHAPTER 39.

[39] THE LAW ABOUT SUMMONS & COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That in all Courts all persons of all perswasions may freely appear in their own way & according to their own manner, and there personally plead their own Cause themselves, or if unable, by their friends And that the first Process shall be the Exhibition of the Complaint 14 days before the Tryall . . . And that the Defendant may be prepared for his defence, he or she shall be summoned no less than 10 days before, & a Copie of the Complaint delivered him or her at his or her dwelling house, to answer unto . . . But before the Complaint of any Person shall be received, he or she

shall solemnly declare in open Court that he or she believeth in his or her Conscience that his or her Cause is Just—And if the partie complained against shall notwithstanding refuse to appear, the Plaintiff shall have Judgment against the Defendant by Default.

Chapter 66, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 128, ch. XCII.

CHAPTER 40.

[40] THE LAW AGAINST DEROGATORS OF JUDGMENTS OF COURTS.

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall at any time hereafter Speak in derogation of the Sentence or judgment of any Court, hee or shee shall be fined for such offence at the discretion of that, or the next Court or Sessions.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. The draft of this law is missing from P.H.M.C., Archives, RG-21. Chapter 72, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 45, ch. XXXIX.

CHAPTER 41.

[41] THE LAW AGAINST BARRATOURS.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any man be Indicted, proved & judged a Common Barratour, Vexing others with Unjust & frequent Suits, It shall be in the power of the Court both to reject his cause, and punish him for his Barratry, by fine or Imprisonment.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. The draft of this law in P.H.M.C., Archives, RG-21 is illegible except for the title. Chapter 75, 1683. See Vol. II St.L. 46, ch. XLI.