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CHAPTER 117.

THE LAW FOR REGULATING WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

Bee it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in the Towns of Philadelphia & Newcastle there shalbe had & Obtained in two years time next after the makeing this Law at the Charge of the said Countys to be paid for out of the County Leveys Standards of Brass for Weights & Measures according to the Kings Standards of the Exchequer which Standard Shall Remain with such Officer in the Countys aforesaid as shall be from time to time appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Councill & Every Weight according to its Scantling &c Every Measure as Bushells halfe Bushells pecks gallons bottles Quarts & pints Shall be made Just Weights & Measures & marked by him that shall keep the Standards & that no person within this Government shall presume to buy or sell by any weights or Measures not Sealed or Marked in forme aforesaid & Made Just according to the Standards aforesaid by the Officers in whose possession the Said Standards Remaine on penalty of forfeiting five shillings to the Prosecutor being Convicted before one Justice of the peace of the unjustness of his Weights & measures & that Once a year at Least the Said Officer with the Assistance of the Grand Jury or the Major Part of them or for want of the Grand Jury with Such as Shall be allowed or apointed by the Respective County Courts aforesaid for assistance shall try the Weights & Measures in the Towns of Philadelphia & Newcastle & those Weights & Measures that are defective to be seized by the said Officer & Assistants which said Officer for his Fees for Makeing Each Bushell halfe Bushell & Peck Just Measure & Markeing the Same that is Large Enough when brought to his hands shal have Ten pence, For Every Lesser Measure three pence for Every yard three pence for Every hundred & halfe hundred weight being made Just & Marked three pence for Every Lesser weight one penny & if the weights &

measures be made Just Before they be brought to him then to have but halfe the Fees aforesaid for markeing the Same & if the said Officer shall refuse to doe any anything that is injoyned by this Law for the Fees apointed and be duely Convicted thereof shall forfeit five pounds to the use of the King Provided alwayes & it is hereby Enacted that the Brass halfe Bushell now in the Town of Philadelphia & a bushell & pecke proportionably & all Lesser Measures & Weights Coming from England being duely Sealed in London or Other Measures agreeable therewith shall be accounted & allowed to be good by the aforesaid Officers untill the Said Standards shall be had & Obtained.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 47.
 H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of June 9, 1694, chapter 1. See Vol. II St.L. 88, ch. LXXIII.

CHAPTER 118.

THE LAW ABOUT TOBACCO: HOGSHEADS.

Whereas divers abuses & wrongs have been done in the Territories of this Province by packing of Tobacco in green or nonseasoned Caske as also by the weight of Such Caske Exceeding the usuall & accus-tomarie Tares & also by the unsizeableness thereof to the Great prejudice damage & uncertainty of the Buyers & Transporters to prevent which for the future Be It Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Tobacco hogsheads be made of sound well seasoned timber three foot ten in length & two Foote Fower inches in the head & not to Exceed one hundred pound in weight & that Each Planter shall sett on Each Caske the true weight or tare thereof under the penalty of Ten Shillings per hogshed for which hogsheads well made & Hoopt the Buyer shall pay or allow to the Planter or Seller of Tobacco three Shillings & Six pence per hogshead & whosoever shall be Convicted before any two Justices of the Peace in the province or Territories of Selling Tobacco in Caske wighing above One hundred pound & tared Less than they weigh by six pound shall pay tenn Shillings to be levied upon their Goods & Chattells to the use of the party Wronged which Said Six pounds is allowed in Consideration of the difference between