

Letters from Europe the West Indies or any Part beyond the Seas whether Single Letters or Paquets four Pence and for all Foraigne Letters outward Bownd that Shall be Diliverd into the Office Two Pence Each Letter or Paquet, and for all Inland Letters to or from new Yorke to Philadelphia Eight Pence, to or from Philadelphia to Connecticut one Shilling, to or from Philadelphia to Road Island or Boston Eighteen Pence, to or from Philadelphia to the Eastward parts of New England, beyond Boston Two Shillings, to or from any place within Eighty Miles of Philadelphia Six pence, All Letters belonging to the Publick to be Dispatched & Deliverd, free of all Charge, and that the Post Pass Ferryage free at all Ferrys within the said Province and Territories, And be it farther Enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid that the Sume of Twenty Pounds Silver Money of this Province Shall be Yearly and each year dureing the Term of three Years, Payd out of the Publick Treasury of the Said Province and Teritories to the Said Andrew Hamilton and his above written Any Law Custome or Usage to the Contrary in any ways notwithstanding and that this Law Shall be and Continue in force for three Years Next after the Rising of this Generall Assembly & no Longer.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693-1700, f. 101.  
 H.S.P. Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 22, 1697, chapter 2. See  
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## CHAPTER 129.

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### THE LAW FOR THE SPEEDY COLLECTION OF THE ARREARS OF THE ASSESSMENT LAID IN 1696.

Whereas there was an Act made at a Generall Assembly held at Philadelphia the 26th of the 8th Moneth 1696 for Raising the Rate of one Penny Per Pound and Six Shillings Per head upon Such as wer not otherwise Rated thereby to be Employed by the Governor for the Time Being as is therein appoynted, which Said Act Expressly Requiring the Collectors of the Said Tax to pay in the Respective Rates Committed to their Collection to James Fox of Philadelphia merchant on or before the Twenty fifth day of the Second Month Last past Dangers &

Cassualties Excepted A fair and true Acompt thereof Being by the Said Receiver to be Rendered, to the Governor & Council & by the Council to this Assembly, & the Said Collectors being thereby Required to Return and fairly to Present to this Generall Assembly the Said Assessments with the Names and values of the Respective Estates with the Reall Sums Levied by the Said Act and also that the Said Receivers Accompts of all the Money by them Received and Disbursed by virtue of the Said Act was by him or them to be Certified to this Present Assembly. In Pursuance whereof this present Assembly having Called before them the aforesaid Receiver James Fox in order to Inspect into and Adjust the Accompts and Several Rates aforesaid by him to be Received as Receiver General for this Province & Territories and upon the view of the Said Receivers Accompts finding that many of the Collectors Concerned & Appoynted by the Assessors in Several Countys of this Government have failed in their Duty in paying, and Returning their Duplicates as in the Said Law they are Injoynd and Required For the Speedy and more Effectuall prosecution whereof we humbly desire that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the Governor with the Consent of the freemen in General Assembly met that the Justices of each Respective County within this Government shall within Twenty Days after the Rising of this Present Assembly Cause the Respective Collectors of each County within this Government to Appear before them or a Quorum of them to Show Cause why they have failed in The performance of their Respective Trust and Duty, Upon the hearing whereof the Said Justices Shall and are hereby Required to Pass their Judgment against every Such Collector or Collectors according to the Nature & Merit of his or their offence and fine Such Offender or Offenders in a Greater or Lesser Sum according to their Discretion within the Limits of the aforesaid Act and for the more Speedy and Effectual Prosecution of the Said Act Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Said Justices of each County or any Three of them Shall at their Discretion Order Nominate and appoynt either the Aforesaid Collectors or So many of them as they Shall See meet to Collect the Residue or Remaining Part of Such rates or Assessments in Each their Respective County as are not already Collected and Received or otherwise to Committ the Said Rates & Arearages not al-

ready Collected to the Care and Collecting of the Sheriff of each Respective County or any other person as they Shall See meet & Convenient: And be it Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that the Said Money So as aforesaid to be Collected Shall be payd at Philadelphia the Tenth day of the fifth Moneth 1697 Danger and Casualty Excepted, to James Fox, or in Case of Mortality to Such other Receiver or Receivers as Shall be by Law in that Case appoynted whose Receipt Shall be a Sufficient Discharge to be Disposed of as the aforesaid Act of Assembly Directs for Such Collectors And be it Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that if any Person—rated by the Said Law Shall Refuse and Delay to Pay his just Proportion untill the Collector Shall be Necessitated to make distress, the Same Collector Shall & may take for his Soe Distraining as the Laws Allow the Sherriffs in Cases of Executions with other Reasonable Charges And be it further Enacted by the authority Aforesaid that if any of the Said Justices of the Peace of this Government Shall refuse or Neglect their Respective duties in the Premises and be duly Convicted thereof shall be fined by the Governor & Provinciaall Council in any Sum not exceeding Ten pounds to the use of the Governor and if any of the Said Collectors Sherriffs Clerks Constables or other Officers doe Refuse or Neglect their duty therein being duly Convicted thereof Shall be fined by the Justices of the Respective County Courts in any Sum not Exceeding five Pounds for Such use or uses as the County Court Shall Direct any Law or Usage within this Government to the Contrary Notwithstanding This Act to be in force untill the Rising of the Next Generall Assembly and 20 days after:

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 103.  
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 22, 1697, chapter 3. See chapter 137, 1698.

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## CHAPTER 130.

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### THE LAW ABOUT TESTATE & INTESTATES ESTATES.

And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Reall Estates and Lands Tenements and Hereditaments and all Personal Estates which any Person hath in this Province and Territories at the