

aforesaid to Act and Proceed in all Matters Requisite and Necessary for Executing the Powers of Government.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 137.  
H.S.P. Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 18, 1699, chapter 1. See chapter 154, 1700.

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### CHAPTER 142.

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THE LAW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AN ACT ENTITULED THE LAW FOR THE SPEEDY COLLECTING THE AREARAGES OF THE ASSESSMENT LAYD IN THE YEAR 1696.

Whereas there was an Act made In the Year 1697 Entituled The Law for the Speedy Collecting the Arearages of the Assessment Layd in 1696 which was to Continue & be In force untill the Rising of this Assembly and Twenty Days after, And whereas there was a Law made In the Year 1698 for the Continuing of the Said Law for one Year more after the rising of the last Generall Assembly But the Receiver of the Said Tax Reporting that Divers of the Collectors have not as Yet Brought in their Respective Sums they Stand Chargd withall, And that it is Requisite That the said Law be Continued for the Collecting the Said Arearages Be it Enacted And it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Said Law Entituled as aforesaid and every Branch and part thereof be and is hereby Continued To be in full force untill the Said Arearages be fully Gathered.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 141.  
H.S.P. Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 18, 1699, chapter 2. Continued chapter 129, 1696. See also chapter 137, 1698.

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### CHAPTER 143.

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THE LAW FOR RAISING THE RATE OF ONE PENNY PER POUND & SIX SHILLINGS PER HEAD FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT & THE PAY-

MENT OF THE DEBTS AND DEFRAYING THE NECESSARY CHARGES THERE-  
OF.

Be It Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That All and every person & persons within this Government having any personall Estate either in their Possession or in the possession of others in Trust for them over & besides the houshold Goods & Implements they use, Shall yield & pay to the Use aforesaid after the Rate of One Penny per pound.- And to the end that this Tax may be lay'd with as much Equality & Indifferency as may be upon all Lands within this Government-

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Lands and other Rents as also the personall Estates be & are hereby Charged for one year only & no longer with One Penny for every pound clear Value.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that All house-keepers within this province & Territories shall be Assessed & pay after the Rate of One penny per Pound for their clear Estate, Excepting as is before Excepted: And That all Males within this Province & Territories who at the Making of this Act have been out of their Servitude by the Space of Six monthes & shall be above the Age of Twenty One years being worth Seventy two Pounds or upward, shall be Assessed & pay after the rate of One penny per pound Clear Estate as aforesaid: And That such of the said Males only as be not worth Seventy two pounds shall pay Six Shillings per head, Provided always That the Chief Proprietor & his Deputy in Government shall not be Assessed by virtue of this Act.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That for the Effectuall putting this Act in Execution the respective Justices or any Three of them within the respective Countys shall Call to their Assistance Four or more of the most Substantiall Freeholders as they shall see meet, and that they or the major part of them shall within two Monthes next after Publication hereof Meet together in their respective Countys & by Warrant from some of the said Justices of the proper Countys Cause the Constables within the said County to bring in Certificates in Writing of the Names of every person residing within the Limits of those places they shall be Charged with, And of the Substances of every of them who are to be rated by this Act, which said Constables shall be Allowed by the Collectors Three pence per pound for their trouble therein; Which said Assessors are hereby Enjoyed to

Ascertain & Inform themselves by all Lawfull means they can of the true Value of the clear Estates both Reall and personall within those Countys & Limits with which they shall be Charged respectively And being thereof Ascertained they are to Assess themselves and others for or in respect of the said Estates according to the Rates aforementioned; And thereupon the said Assessors shall cause the Respective Clerks of the Countys to draw out Lists & fair Duplicates of the said Assessments to be Signed by the said Assessors, for which the said Clerk shall be Allowed Twenty Shillings respectively out of the said Assessment: And the said Assessors shall Appoint the Sherrief or such other person or persons of each County as they shall see meet to be Collectors of the said Rate, for which Service the said Assessors shall be paid and Allowed by the Collectors Six pence per pound out of the said Assessment.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the said Money soasaforsaid to be Levyed shall be paid att Philadelphia by the respective Collectors on or before the First Day of the 2d Month 1700 (Danger & Casualty's Excepted) unto James Fox of Philadelphia Merchant; but in Case of Mortality, It shall be Lawfull for the Governor & Councilll to appoint some other person to be the Receiver, whose Receipts shall be Sufficient Discharges to such Collectors, which said Collectors for gathering the said Summs shall retain in their hands respectively for every Twenty Shillings by them paid in as aforesaid the Sume of One Shilling with all such reasonable Charges as shall appear to be due for Portage of Money or other pay by them Collected by Virtue of this Act as a Reward for their pains.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That those Receivers shall pay and dispose of the said Money in manner following viz the Debts owing by this Government to the Lieutenant Governor already allowed by the Assemblys held heretofore & this present Assembly first to be paid and Next all other Debts So allow'd And the remaining part to be for the defraying the Necessary Charges of the Government that hereafter may become due & as the Governor & Councilll for the time being shall order & Appoint; A fair & true Account whereof shall be rendred by the said Receiver to the Governor & Councilll & by the Councilll to the Assembly to be held next after the

said Rate is raised for all such Summs as aforesaid—And That the said Collectors shall Return & fairly present to the said Generall Assembly the said Assessment with the Names & severall Values of the respective Estates with the reall Summs Levyed by this Act. And also That the said Receivers Accounts with all the Money & Goods by him Received & Disbursed by virtue of this Act shall be by him Certifyed to the Assembly, which said Receivers for their Care & trouble therein Shall retain in their hands for every Twenty Shillings Received & paid as aforesaid the Summs of Six pence.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any of the said Justices, Assessors, Clerks or Receivers shall refuse or neglect their respective duties in the premises & be duly Convicted thereof, Shall be fined by the Governour & Council in any Summ not exceeding Five pounds for such uses as the Governour & Council shall direct: And the Governour & Council are hereby Impowered to Appoint such other Assessors & Officers for the Assessing & Collecting the same from time to time untill the same be Levyed as they shall think fitt.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any person or persons whatsoever within this Government who shall be Assessed or rated any Summ or Summs of Money by this Act to be Levyed Shall deny, refuse, or delay to pay the same, That then It Shall & may be Lawfull for any such Collector by virtue of a Warrant under the hand & Seal of any Justice of the Peace of the County where such Offender shall reside, who by virtue of this Act are Required to Grant such warrants and to Levy the same by Distress & Sale of such person or persons Goods & Chattells returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owners after the Summ Assessed & Distraigned for with all Charges are deducted. Provided always That if any person or persons Certifyed Assessed or Rated for or in respect of any estate for which by this Act he or they is or may be rated do find him or themselves Aggrieved with such Rating & shall within a reasonable time before the same Rate becomes payable complain to the Assessors who Signed & Allowed his, her, or their Rates, which said Assessors shall appoint a Convenient time for such Complaint made and there particularly heare and Examine the person or persons Complaining or any other having the Value of the Complainants reall & personall estate, and thereupon the

said Assessors shall Abate Default or Confirm the said Assessments according as the Complainants shall appear to be worth either by the parties own Attest or proof of others, Provided also that the severall Collectors shall gather & receive the respective Summs Assessed as aforesaid in Current Money of this Province or for want thereof In good Merchantable Countrey Product at the Current Market price according to the Laws of this Government at such convenient Landing places in each County as the said Assessors shall Appoint.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person be Sued for any thing done in pursueance of this Act, Such person so sued may Plead the Generall Issue and Give this Act & Speciall Matter in Evidence And If the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall be Cast, the Defendant shall Recover treble Damages Provided always that none shall hereby be punished by virtue of this Act for any Neglect or Miscarriage in the Execution thereof but within One year after such Offence.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 143.  
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 18, 1699, chapter 3. See Vol. II St.L. 109, ch. LXXXVI.

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#### CHAPTER 144.

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THE LAW FOR REGULATING BREAD FLOURE & TOBACCO CASKS TO A CERTAIN GAUGE THE BETTER TO INFORCE A LAW MADE IN THE YEAR 1693 ENTITULED THE LAW ABOUT CASKS & PACKING MEAT FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Whereas difference hath often happend Between the Freighters of Goods and Masters of Vessells for want of a Certaine Gauge and Size for Bread Flower and Tobacco Casque; To prevent the Like for the future and that we may Come near the Tunage of our Neighbouring Provinces, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from and after the first Day of the Eighth Month next all Caske hereafter mentioned that Shall be made for Transportation Shall be of the Dimensions following (viz) Flower Halfe Barrell Shall be 22 Inches in the Clear Length, 16 1/2 Inches In the Head Inside, and Nineteen Inches Diameter In the Bulge Clear also; Sixteen of which shall be a Tun: The