

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.

CHAPTER 144.

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

Bread Barrells shall be in the Clear Twenty one Inches In the Head in the Inside, and Twenty Seaven Inches in Length and Twenty four Inches and one halfe Diameter in the Bulge Clear also; Eight of which Shall be a Tun: The Teerces for Bread shall be Twenty Three and one halfe Inches Clear In the Head, and Twenty Seaven and one halfe Inches in the Bulge, and Thirty one Inches and one halfe in the Clear Length Inside; Six whereof shall be a Tun: The Bread hogsheads Shall be Twenty Seaven Inches in the Head Clear, Thirty one Inches and one halfe In the Bulge, and Thirty Six Inches In the Clear Length; Four of which Shall be a Tun; And all other Bread and Flower Casqe shall be Proportionable to these Gauges, And every Cooper shall sett his Brand marke upon every Caske he makes upon the Penalty of Paying two shillings for every such caske that he shall sell unmarkt To be payd to Such person or Persons as Shall be appoynted by the County Courts In each County which said Person or Persons is hereby Impowerd to take and Receive the forfeiture of Five Shillings for every Caske of Bread or Flower Shipt or offerd to be Shipd off unbranded, as by the Act made in the Year 1693 who Shall also have power by this Act to Seize and take into his Possession any Such Goods or Casque upon the owners Refusall to pay the said fine, And upon Such Refusall the Said Officer shall by this Act have Power to Dispose of the Same if not Redeemed within one Month after the Seizure And shall returne the Overplus if any be to the owner thereof and one halfe of the said Fines shall be to the Publick use of the County where such Default be made The other halfe shall be to the Officer that seizes the same. And for the Better Regulating any abuse in this Case Be it Enacted that every Cooper Baker and Bolter Shall Record their Respective Brand Markes In a Table or Booke for that purpose to be kept by the Person or Persons So Nominated and Appoynted in their Respective Counties, And for the Better Enabling the Coopers to Comply with this Law Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Pipe-Staves Shall be four foot Eight Inches Long and four Inches Broad Clear of Sapp Hogshead Staves three foot and one halfe Longe and four Inches Broad Clear of Sapp Barrell Staves Two foot Four Inches Long and Four Inches Broad Clear of Sapp and if they are not so they shall not be Deemed Merchantable but be Accounted two for one; And be it farther Enacted by the

Authority Aforesaid That all Tobacco hogsheads within this Government shall be made four foote in Length and Thirty Two Inches Diameter In the Head, which Said Hogsheads shall be Duly Tared and the Planter to have five Shillings for each hogshead to be payd by the Purchaser Any Law Custom or usage to the Congrary Notwithstanding.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 147.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 18, 1699, chapter 4. Supplemented chapter 157, 1700; see also Vol. II St.L. 95, ch. LXXX.

CHAPTER 145.

THE LAW AGAINST PYRATES & PRIVATEERS.

For the Better and more Speedy Execution of Justice upon such who have Committed Treason Pyracies and Murthers Fellowies and other offences upon the Seas and Shall be Apprehended or Brought Prisoners to this Government

It is Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Treasons Fellowies Pyracies Roberies Murthers or Confederacies Committed or that Shall hereafter be Committed upon the Sea or in any Harbour Creek or Bay where the Admirall hath Jurisdiction Shall be Enquired Tryd heard Determined and Judged within this Province and Teritories in Such like Form as if Such Offence had been Committed in and upon the Land and to that End Three Substantiall persons of this Government shall be appoynted and Commissionated by the Governor and Councill for the Time being to Associate and Asist the person who now is or hereafter Shall be Appoynted in England to be the Judge of the Admiraltie of this Government and in Default or Absence of Such Judge then to Associate and assist such person or persons as the said Governor and Councill shall name and appoynt from Time to Time as there may be Occasion and that the Said Offenders which are or shall be Apprehended in, or brought Prisoners to this Government shall be Lyable to Such orders Prosess Judgments & Executions by virtue of such Commission or Commissions to be Grounded upon this Act as might be awarded or given against them if they were proceeded against