

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

within the Relme of England by virtue of any Commission Growned upon the Said Statute.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all and every Person or Persons who shall any way knowingly Entertain harbour Conceall Trade or hold any Correspondance by Letter or otherwise with any Person or Persons that shall be Adjudged to be Privateers or Pyrates within the Construction of this Act and that shall not Readylie Endeavor to the best of his or their Power to Apprehend or Cause to be Apprehended Such Offender or Offenders shall be lyable to be Prosecuted as Accessaries or Confederates and to Suffer Such pains and Penalties as in Such Case by Law is provided And for the better and more Effectuall Execution of this Act Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Justices of Peace Sherrifs Constables and other Officers In their Seaverall Precincts within this Government are hereby Impowerd and required upon his or their Knowledge or notice given that any Privateers Pyrates or other Persons Suspected to be upon any unlawfull Design are in any Place within their respective Precincts to Call to their Aid and Assistance such Number of men as he or they shall think Needfull For the Seising Apprehending and Carrying to Goale all and Every Such person or Persons and in Case any shall refuse to Yeild Obedience to Such Officer or Officers being Convicted thereof shall be Fined in Five pounds Courant Money of this government And every such Officer that shall omitt or Neglect his Duty shall forfeit Twenty Pounds of Like Courant Money for every such offence to be Recovered in any of the Courts of Record in this Government for and Toward the Support of the Government and Contingent Charges therof and the other Moyetie to Such as Shall Informe or Sue for the Same.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 151.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 18, 1699, chapter 5. See chapter 152, 1699/1700; Vol. II St.L. 100, ch. LXXXIV.