

CHAPTER LVIII.

AN ACT AGAINST WEIRS CROSS CREEKS AND RIVERS.

To the end that all persons inhabiting upon or near any creeks or rivers in this province or counties annexed, may enjoy all privileges and advantages that from them are to be reaped:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall make a weir or weirs from one side of any creek or river in this province or counties annexed, to the other side thereof, shall for every such offense pay ten shillings, and the weir or weirs shall be destroyed.

Provided, That this act shall not extend to mill-dams or races, nor to such as make weirs on their own lands, so as they shall not be injurious to others.

Passed November 27, 1700; allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6, and not acted upon. See Appendix I, Section I'; repealed by the Act of Assembly, passed March 20, 1810, P. L. 188.

CHAPTER LIX.

AN ACT AGAINST UNSEASONABLE FIRING OF WOODS.

For the prevention of dangers and damages that may ensue upon firing of woods at unseasonable times of the year:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall presume to set on fire any

woods, lands or marshes in this province or territories, before the first day of the First month yearly, or after the first day of the Third month, shall make good all damages that shall thereby happen to any of the inhabitants thereof.

Passed November 27, 1700; allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6, and not acted upon. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Acts of Assembly, passed March 27, 1712-13, Chapter 198; March 29, 1734-35, Chapter 338; April 18, 1794, Chapter 1743.

CHAPTER LX.

AN ACT ABOUT ERECTING AND REGULATING THE PRICES OF FERRIES.

Whereas by reason of the great resort of people to and from the town of Philadelphia over Neshaminy Creek, there is occasion of a ferry to be erected for the same:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories thereunto belonging [in General Assembly met], and by the authority of the same, That there shall be a ferry boat for men and horses, built and kept at the most convenient place on the said creek, and in case any the inhabitants on or near the said creek refuse to build a boat and keep a ferry there, it shall be lawful for any other person that will build a house to have one acre of unimproved land on the said creek, paying yearly so much as the county court shall adjudge reasonable to the owner of such lands.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That between the Falls of Delaware and the town of Newcastle, the rates and prices of ferries shall be as followeth: (That is to say) over Delaware River at or near the Falls or near Burlington, three pence for every passenger; for oxen, bullocks, cows, heifers, horses and mares, four pence per head; for sheep, and hogs, one penny per head; and for every man and horse,