

of brass, regulated and stamped by the person or officer to be appointed for that purpose: which officer shall from time to time keep in his possession a true standard of brass Troy weights, according to the King's standard in England, by which all weights shall by him be truly and exactly regulated; and after such regulation he shall stamp or mark the same with his own stamp or mark, for which he shall take and receive one penny for every weight to be by him stamped or marked as aforesaid; which said officer shall have power once in three years to bring all or any person's weights to a new trial, and to alter and stamp the same as occasion shall require. And for the more speedy putting this law in execution, it shall and may be lawful for the proprietary and governor to commissionate a person to execute the same. And all persons receivers of money from any other person, shall receive the same in which end of the beam he shall think fit, if the payer be owner of the scales; and if the money turn the scale it shall be accounted payable.

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.

CHAPTER LXXII.

AN ACT APPOINTING THE RATE OF THE MONEY OR COIN WITHIN THIS PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES AND FOR PREVENTING THE CLIPPING OF THE SAME.

For the settling the rate and valuing the current coin within this province and territories, and prevention of clipping or diminishing the same:

[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 the several coins or pieces of money shall pass and be current within this province and territories at the

several rates and prices in this act limited and appointed: (That is to say) every Peru piece of eight, not less than twelve pennyweight, and all Lion or Dog dollars, for six shillings; and all other pieces of eight, and dollars being fifteen pennyweight, for seven shillings; and for every pennyweight above fifteen shall be advanced four pence, and every pennyweight under fifteen shall be abated four pence; and all half-pieces and half-dollars proportionably; all double bits at twenty pence a piece; all single bits at ten pence a piece; and all half-bits at five pence a piece, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons within this province or territories shall for lucre's sake clip, wash, round or file, or by any way whatsoever impair, diminish or falsify any the money or coins allowed to be current within this province and territories as aforesaid; every such person so offending, together with his or their accessories, aiders and abettors, upon due proof and legal conviction, shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds, and [shall suffer] imprisonment at hard labor for the space of one whole year without bail or mainprise, two-thirds part of the said forfeiture to the proprietary and governor, and the other third part to the informer, to be recovered by plaint or action in the county court to be held for the county where such fact shall be committed.

Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Queen in Council, July 30, 1703. See Appendix I, Section I, and the Act of Assembly, passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 162.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

AN ACT FOR REGULATING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

[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 thereunto belonging in General Assembly met,