

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Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Queen in Council, July 30, 1703.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,

and by the authority of the same, That in each county of this province and territories there shall be had and obtained, within two years after the making of this law, at the charge of each county (to be paid out of the county levies) standards of brass for weights and measures, according to the King's standards for the Exchequer; which standards shall remain with such officer in the counties aforesaid as shall be from time to time appointed by the governor with the advice of the council: and every weight according to its scantling, and every measure, as bushels, half-bushels, pecks, gallons, pottles, quarts and pints, shall be made just weights and measures and marked by him that shall keep the standards. And that no person within this province and territories shall presume to buy or sell by any weights or measures not sealed or marked in form aforesaid, and made just according to the standards aforesaid by the officers in whose possession the standards shall remain, on penalty of forfeiting five shillings to the prosecutor, being convicted by one justice of the peace of the unjustness of his weights or measures. And that once a year at least, the said officer, with the grand jury or the major part of them, and for want of the grand jury, with such as shall be allowed and appointed by the respective county courts aforesaid for assistance, shall try the weights and measures in the counties aforesaid; and those weights and measures as are defective, to be seized by the said officer and assistants; which said officer, for his fees for making each bushel, half-bushel and peck just measure, and marking the same that is large enough when brought to his hands, shall have ten pence; and for every lesser measure, three pence; for every yard three pence; for every hundred and half-hundred weight, being made just and marked, three pence; for every lesser weight, one penny. And if the weights and measures be made just before they be brought to him, then to have but half the fees aforesaid for marking the same. And if the said officer shall refuse to do anything that is enjoined by this law, for the fees appointed, and be duly convicted thereof, [he] shall forfeit five pounds to the use of the proprietary and governor.

[Section II.] Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the brass half-bushel now in the town of Philadelphia, and a

bushel and peck proportionable, and all lesser measures and weights coming from England, being duly sealed in London, or other measures agreeable therewith shall be accounted and allowed to be good by the aforesaid officers, until the said standards shall be had and obtained.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall sell beer or ale by retail, but by beer-measure, according to the standard of England.

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 January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 138; January 17, 1733-34, Chapter 332; April 5, 1781, Chapter 936; March 29, 1813, P. L. 259; March 10, 1818, P. L. 182; April 2, 1822, P. L. 136; February 17, 1827, P. L. 41; April 5, 1830, P. L. 195; April 15, 1834, P. L. 524; April 15, 1845, P. L. 443, and March 8, 1883, P. L. 6. See also I Dallas' Laws, 24, note, and the Third Report of the Commissioners for the Revision of the Civil Code, 1833, page 49.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SALE OF ILL-TANNED LEATHER AND WORKING THE SAME INTO SHOES AND BOOTS.

[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 if any person or persons within this province and territories shall sell or expose to sale to any shoemaker any ill-wrought or tanned leather, before the officer or searcher for that purpose to be appointed by the governor, hath examined and marked the same with his own mark or seal, such person shall forfeit (being thereof legally convicted before two justices of the peace) all such leather as he shall so sell or expose to sale unmarked by the officer as aforesaid.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any shoemaker work or make up for sale any