

And it shall be Lawfull for all Magistrates Officers & others within this province & Countys annexed to apprehend all such Masters & Shipp Companies & Seize their Boats & Goods as also their other effects that shall be found And Secure them untill discharged by due Course of Law, or untill such Shipp or Vessel shall be surrendered unto the Government in order to a Tryall according to Law. And all such persons whatsoever are hereby strictly prohibited & forbidd to harbour succour entertain or anywise correspond or to buy Sell deal trade or barter with any such Shipp-Master Merchant or any other of the Shipp Company so resisting or refusing Obedience as aforesaid

And whosoever shall be duely convicted of so doing or be aiding or Abetting to such Offenders shall be fined in any Summ not less than One hundred pounds according to the nature of the Offence And such as are not able to pay the said fine shall be punished by Imprisonment or Servitude:

Provided always That nothing herein Contained which is not mentioned or Comprized in the Acts of Trade and Navigation shall continue and be in force longer than Twenty Days after the riseing of the generall Assembly to be held in this Government in the Year 1703.

And Be it further Enacted That All Fines & Forfeitures herein before mentioned that are not by the Laws of Trade & Navigation Appropriated or otherwise disposed of by this Act shall go two thirds thereof to the proprietor & Governor of this Province and the other third part to such person or persons as shall Sue for the Same.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 117.  
Dated February 10, 1699/1700. Supplemented, Vol. II St.L. 81, ch. LXIV.

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## CHAPTER 152.

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### THE LAW FOR REGULATING TRAFFIC ON SEAS.

The Representatives of the freemen of the Said Province of Pennsylvania & Counties annexed in General Assembly mett & by the Authoritie of the Same, That every Captain, Master Or Other person or persons taking Charge of any Shipp or Vessel arriving in any port

or place within the Limitts of this government Shall, before hee Lands any persons or goods, signify & declare in writting under his or their hands unto the next Justice of peace or Chief Magistrate before hee or they arrive, the Names of every passenger and mariner hee or they bring or have taken on board the said Shipp or vessel during that voyage, And shall answer upon his or their Solemn Attest to Such Questions as the said Justice or Magistrate Shall Demand Concerning the Passengers or Mariners, Under the penalty of Twentie pounds, to be recovered for the use of the Proprietor & Governor

And whosoever Shall knowingly import or Sett on Shoar in any port or place of this province or Counties annexed, anie person or persons Who by the Quantity of East India Arabia or other forreign goods or Coyns Or by any Other means whatsoever may be Justly Suspected to be privateers or Pirate, & shall not Secure & bring him or theme So suspected before Some Magistrate in the said Countie, who is hereby required to Secure them, till they give Notice thereof to the Proprietor & Governor of this Province or his Lieutenant & Governor for the time being in Order to be examined & proceeded against according to their demeritts, Shall be Liable to be prosecuted As Accessaries & Confederates & to Suffer Such pains and penalties as in Such Case by Law is provided.

And if any person or persons residing or Comeing into this Province and Counties Annexed Shall be duely Convicted of knownglie importing or Setting on Shoar any Pirate or Pirates in any of the neighbouring Colonies, Shall be adjudged & Suffer as Accessaries & Confederates as abovesaid

But inasmuch as Pirates and Sea Robbers generally Land in Some of the Neighbouring Colonies, where they hide or Secure their treasures and disguise themselves in Such Manner, that, without Strict Care & inspection they may passe thorough or Settle in this Country Undiscovered, And others who passe & repass and Cannot easily be detected by the abovesaid marks or grounds of suspition & yet may be as guilty of Piracies, Robberies, Murders and Misdemeanors.

Therefore it is Enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid that all Unknown persons Residing or Comeing to Lodge Sojourn or take up their abode

or to ask for work or employment in any Inn Tavern, Ordinary, or any other house in anie part or place of this Province & Counties annexed And Cannot give a good & satisfactory account of themselves and their former & present Way of Living, Or have not a passe or Testimonial under the Hand and Seal of, Att Least, One Justice of Peace neer the place of their first Comeing within the Limits of this government, Setting down the place of their Landing and Last abode And the place Whether they are to passe & the time of their passage or having a passe or Testimonial Do exceed the time therein Limited above ten days, Or Counterfeit a testimonial, or produce one that is Counterfeit, Shall in all or anie of these cases be taken up. And if they Resist or endeavour to make their escape, they Shall Immediatly be pursued by the party that Suspects them, either in person or by Hue and Cry until they Can be apprehended & brought before a magistrate to be examined & dealt with according to law: And if the person so apprehended Shall be Convicted of Piracy, Hee or they that so pursued and apprehended him shall receive the Sum of ten pounds from this government as the Governor & Councill shall direct.

And to the end that all Such persons may be effectually detected & discovered, Be it Enacted by the authoritie aforesaid that every One keeping An Alehouse, Tavern, publick house Lodgers or Innmates, or any other person Whatsoever within this province & Counties annexed who shall neglect to do their duty in the province &c, Or Shall not forthwith Acquaint Some Magistrate, Or (in Case there be no Magistrate within Two Miles) two Sufficient house-keepers with the Names & Circumstances of all Such persons, with the descriptions of them & their horses, Shall forfeit five pounds Monie of this Province to the use of the Proprietor & Governor for every Such neglect.

And it is further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, that if anie person or persons within this Province or Counties annexed shall knowingly entertain, Conceal Aid Abett Convey or Carry away by Land or water anie Such person or persons, or their goods & treasure that Shall be as aforesaid Suspected or otherwise deemed or Adjudged to be privateers or pirates within the Construction of this Act, And whosoever Shall knowingly trade Or hold any Correspondence by Letter or Otherwise with anie person or persons So suspected as

aforesaid And Shall not readily endeavour to the best of his or their power to Apprehend Such Offenders, Seize & Secure their goods & treasure And have them forthcoming to the Proprietor & Governor of the said Province & Counties annexed or said Lieutenant and Governor for the time being Shall be Liable to be prosecuted and Suffer as Accessaries & Confederates as abovesaid—Provided always that nothing in this act Contained Shall be Construed to affect or charge any person or persons inhabiting in this government that have an open & fair Commerce with Such as have been suspected of Piracy or privateering whom this or other governments Under the Crown of England have Seen or may See Cause to bail & Suffer to go att Large.

And to the end that Justice may the better & more Speedily be executed upon Such who Having Committed, treasons, piracies Murders, felonies and Other Offences upon the Seas And Shall be Apprehended & brought prisoners to this government—It is Enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid That pursuant to a draught or transcript of a Law & instructions Sent by the Lords Justices directing the Manner of Tryals of Pirates to the Proprietarie & Governor of this Province and Counties Annexed, All treasons, felonies, piracies, Robberies, Murders & Confederacies Committed or that hereafter Shall be Committed upon the Sea, or in anie Harbour, Creek or Bay where the Admiral hath Jurisdiction, Shall be enquired, tryed, Heard Determined & Adjudged within this Province Or Counties Annexed in Such Like forme as if the offence had been Committed in & upon the Land And to that end three Substantial persons of this Government Shall be appointed & Commissionated by the Governor and Council for the time being to Associate & Assist the person who now is or hereafter Shall be appointed in England to be Judge of the Admiraltie in this government, And in Default or absence of Such Judge, then to associate & assist Such person or persons as the Governor & Councill shall name & appoint from time to time as these may occasion, which said Commissioners or Such a Quorum of them as by Such Commission Shall be thereunto Authorized Shall have full power to do all things in & about the enquiry hearing, determining, adjudging & punishing of anie of the Crimes & offences aforesaid as anie Commissioners to be appointed by Commission under the great Seal of England by virtue of a Statute

made in the twentieth & eight year of the Reign of King Henry the eighth are impowered to do & execute within the kingdom of England And that the said Offenders which are or shall be apprehended in, or brought prisoners to this Government, Shall be Liable to Such Orders, Process, Judgments & executions, by virtue of Such Commission or Commissions to be grounded upon this act, as might be awarded & given against them if they were proceeded against within the Realm of England by virtue of any Commission grounded upon the Said Statute.

And for the better & more effectual putting this act in execution It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Magistrates & Officers in their Several precincts within this Government, And all other Officers more Immediatly under the king's Commission whether of the Admiralty, or by Appointment of the Commissioners of the Kings Customs, are hereby impowered & required, upon his or their knowledge or notice given, that any persons Suspected to be privateers or pirates are in anie place within their respective precincts, Shall Immediatlie Impower & Command the Sheriff or other Officer to call to his Assistance Such a Number of men as hee Shall think needfull for the Seizing apprehending & Carrying to goal all & every Such person or persons—And in Case any shall Refuse to yield obedience to Such Magistrate or Officers respectively, being Convicted thereof Shall be fined in any Cliam not Less than ten pounds nor more than Twentie pounds Monie aforesaid, And every Magistrate or Officer as Shall Omitt or neglect his duty therein Shall forfeit fifty pounds like Money for every Such offence to be Recovered in any of the Courts of Record within this Government for the use of the Proprietor & Governor.

And that all proclaimant and warrants of pursuit Comeing from Anie of the Neighbouring Colonies into this Province or Counties Annexed Against pirates felons or Runaways Shall be Complied with as if they wer under the Seal & Authoritie of this province, So as the person or persons So pursued & apprehended be brought before Some Magistrate within this Government to be dealt with according to Law.

And whereas wee are informed that the Island of Madagascar Natall & parts Adjacent are the resort of Pirates & Magazine of their Spoiles & plunder Committed on the East-India Seas & other parts And although wee neither know nor have heard of anie vessel or person of

this Province Or Counties annexed that ever was Concerned directlie or indirectlie in trading to or from anie of those places; yet Lest anie person or persons under pretence of a Lawful trade with the Natives of the said parts may or shall Countenance and Strengthen the Pirates thereby furnishing them with provisions & Ammunition & transporting their ill gotten goods—Be it Enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, that if any person within this Province Or Counties annexed Shall for the Space of three years next after the publication hereof directly or indirectly trade to Madagascar or Natall by Sending freighting, fitting outt or Navigating anie Shipp or Vessell to either of the aforesaid places under anie pretence whatsoever Hee shall forfeit Such Shipp or Vessell goods or Merchandize—And every person that shall knowingly and willingly be any ways Concerned therein shall forfeit One Hundred pounds, The One half thereof to the Proprietary & Governor or his Lieutenant Governor, And the other half to such as shall Sue for the Same

And Be it further Enacted that the Law past att the Last General Assembly held here in the Third Month May One Thousand Six hundred Nyntie and Nine entitled The Law against Pirates & Privateers & every Clause therein Contained Shall from and after the publication hereof be Repealed & utterly void

A.P.S., *Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700*, f. 187.  
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