

thing in the said Charter, or any other Law, usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding — And for the removing of all doubts and scruples concerning the convening and setting of the present Session Be it further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid That the present representatives of the freemen of this province and counties annexed elected by virtue of the proprietary and governors writts are and shall be deemed, held and taken to be the provincial Council and Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania and Counties annexed And that their respective meetings and actions shall be valid as Such

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 195, dated April 12, 1700.

CHAPTER 154.

THE LAW OF A FREEMAN ABOUT ELECTIONS & REPRESENTATIVES FEES.

Whereas it is Necessary it Should be knowne, who those are, that in this Province and Territories have Right of (or to be Deemed) FreeMen to Choose or to be Chosen to Serve in Council & Assembly, Be it Enacted by & with the Advise & Consent of the Representatives of the Free Men of this Province & territories, in General Assembly mett, & by the Authority of the Same, That no Inhabitant of this Province or Territories Shall have Right of Electing or of being Elected as aforesaid, Unless they be Denizens & Free holders thereof and of the age of Twenty one years or Upwards, and have Fifty acres of Land, Ten acres whereof being seated & Cleared or be otherwise worth Fifty Pounds Lawful Money of this Government Clear Estate, and have been resident within the Same for the Space of Two years Next before Such Election.

And that Elections may not be Coruptly Managed on which the good and the Government So much Depends, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Elections of the said Representatives, Shall be free & Voluntary, and that the Elector who shall Receive any Reward or Gift for giving his Vote, Shall forfeit the Right to Elect for that yeare, and be fined in the Sum of Five Pounds for the use of the

Governour, And that Such Persons as shall give or Promise any such Reward, to be Elected or that Shall offer to Serve for Nothing, or Less Wages than the Law Prescribes, Shall be fined in the Like Sum of Five Pounds for the use aforesaid,-And the Representatives so Chosen either for Council or Assembly shall yield their attendances accordingly, and be the Sold Judges of the Regularity or Iregularity of the Elections of their Respective Members, - And if any person or Persons so Chosen to Serve in Council or Assembly Shall be Willfully absent from the Service hee or they are Chosen to attend they Shall be Fined in the Sum of Twenty Pounds like money pay for the use aforesaid, Unless his or their Excuse shall be allowed of by the Governour, Council & Assembly Respectively- And in Case any Person or Persons Chosen as aforesaid Shall be Deceased or Rendered Incapable that then & in such cases it Shall be Lawfull for the Proprietary Governour or his Lieutenant Governor for the time being after knowledge thereof, to Issue his Writts to the Sheriffs of the Respective Counties for which the said Person or Persons where Chosen, Imediately to Summons the Free men of the same to Elect another Member or Members in the Room of such Absent, Deceased, or Incapable person or persons and to Return the Same duly Executed - And in Case any Sheriff Shall Misbehave himselfe in the Management of any of the said Elections, he Shall be Punished accordingly at the Discretion of the Governour & Council for the time being And be it Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Every Member now Chosen or hereafter to be Chosen by the Free men as aforesaid to Serve in Council & Assembly shall be allowed the Sum of Five Shillings by the day during his & their attendance on the Service thereof. And that Every Member of Council & Assembly Shall be allowed towards their Traveling Charges after the Rate of two Pence for Each Mile both going to & coming from the place where the Council or Assembly is or shall be held - And that the Charges of the Six Pounds shall be Chosen by the People to Assist the Governour in Legislation shall be paid out of the Provinciall Stock - And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all those Branches in the Late Frame of Government referring to Solemn Attests in divers Respects do Remaine in full force as while that act was

in being Any thing in this Law or in any other Law of the Province and territories in any wise not withstanding.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1673-1700, f. 199. Act of June 7, 1700, No.1. See Vol. II St.L. 24, ch. XXVII.

CHAPTER 155.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING AN IMPOST UPON WINE, RUM, BEER, ALE & C., & GOODS IMPORTED, RETAILED & SOLD IN THIS PROVINCE & TERRITORIES.

In Testimony of our Respect and Regard to our Proprietary and Governour and his Heirs and for his and their Supply and Support in the Government We the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province and Territories doe intreat our Proprietary & Governour that it may be Enacted & Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication hereof There shall be throughout this Province and Territories raised Levied Collected and paid unto the Proprietary and Governor his Heirs & Assigns during the space of two years only after the said publication for all sorts of Wines, Rum, Brandy, Beer, Ale, Cider (Cider imported of the growth of West Jersey excepted) and other things herein mentioned the Several Rates and duties herein after expressed, & in manner and Form following - That is to Say All Madera and other Wines of the Western Islands Imported from the place of growth directly by vessels, the Major part of whose Owners are Inhabitants of this government Shall pay but twenty shillings per pipe and all Wines otherwise imported directly from the place of growth three pounds per pipe; For all Such Maderia or other Wines imported from some other Colony or Country and not directly from the place of their Growth Six pounds for every pipe And in case any of the Said Wines so imported shall be again exported out of this Province into any other Colony or Place the Province of West New Jersey excepted and by good & Sufficient Evidence it shall fully Appear that the Duties aforesaid were well and truly paid for the same, then the Merchant or Exporter shall and may draw back of the said duties one Moiety, he first giving good security that the said Wines shall not be again putt on Shoar and imported in any part or place of this