

CHAPTER CXX.

AN ACT AGAINST RAPE OR RAVISHMENT.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by John Evans, Esquire, by the Queen's royal approbation Lieutenant-Governor under William Penn, Esquire, absolute Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall be convicted of having committed a rape upon any maid or woman within this province, shall receive on his bare back, well laid on, at the common whipping-post, thirty-one lashes, and shall be imprisoned seven years at hard labor. And in case such person so convict be single and unmarried, he shall forfeit all his estate; and if married, one-third part thereof, one-half of such forfeiture to the proprietary and governor for the support of government and the necessary charges thereof, and the other half to the use of the poor of the place where the said offense is committed. And for the second offense he shall be branded on the forehead with the letter R, and shall suffer imprisonment during life at hard labor.

Passed January 12, 1705-6. Allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, October 24, 1709, and not acted upon. See Appendix II, Section III, and the Act of Assembly passed May 31, 1718, Chapter 236, and the note thereto.

CHAPTER CXXI.

AN ACT AGAINST INCEST.

For the preventing of incestuous marriages within this province:

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