

with his wife within the said term of twelve months next before the birth of the said child, and own and declare himself to be the father thereof, execution shall be stopped, and the woman discharged.

[Section VI.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any single woman, being a servant by indenture or covenant, have a bastard child within the time of her servitude, she shall serve such further time beyond the term of her indenture or covenant mentioned as the justices of the peace in their quarter-session shall think fit, as a compensation to her master or mistress for the loss and damage they had sustained by reason of her bearing such bastard in the time of her servitude: provided it be not more than two years nor less than one.

[Section VII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person, being legally convict to be the reputed father of a bastard child, shall give security to the court, town or place where such child was born, to perform such order for the maintenance of such child as the justices of the peace in their sessions shall direct and appoint.

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 Acts of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 121; May 31, 1718, Chapter 236; March 21, 1772, Chapter 662; January 23, 1777, Chapter 737; September 19, 1785, Chapter 1187; September 15, 1786, Chapter 1241; April 5, 1790, Chapter 1516; September 23, 1791, Chapter 1583; April 22, 1794, Chapter 1777; April 18, 1795, Chapter 1861; April 4, 1799, Chapter 2051; March 21, 1806, P. L. 570; April 25, 1850, P. L. 575, and March 31, 1860, P. L. 392. Repealed by the Act of March 31, 1860, P. L. 451.

CHAPTER CXXIII.

AN ACT AGAINST BIGAMY.

[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 Gen-

eral Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall be convicted of having two wives or two husbands at one and the same time, shall be whipped on his or her bare back thirty-nine lashes, and be imprisoned during life at hard labor, and the second marriage shall be void. And if any man or woman being unmarried shall knowingly marry the husband or wife of another person, such man or woman shall be punished as aforesaid, and the first wife or husband of the person offending against this act shall have a bill of divorce from board and bed granted by the governor for the time being against the husband or wife so offending, if desired within one year after conviction.

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 Acts of Assembly passed September 19, 1785, Chapter 1187; September 15, 1786, Chapter 1241; April 5, 1790, Chapter 1516; April 13, 1795, Chapter 1861; April 4, 1799, Chapter 2051; April 4, 1807, P. L. 133, and March 31, 1860, P. L. 392. Repealed by the Act of March 31, 1860, P. L. 451.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

AN ACT AGAINST SODOMY AND BUGGERY.

[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 if any person or persons shall be convicted of sodomy and buggery (provided he or they be at the age of discretion, and consenting thereunto) [he or they] shall suffer imprisonment at hard labor during life, and shall be whipped at the discretion of the