

CHAPTER CXXVIII.

AN ACT AGAINST RIOTS AND RIOTERS.

[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 persons, to the number of three or more, shall meet together with clubs, staves or any other hurtful weapons, to the terror of any the peaceable people or inhabitants of this province and shall commit, or design to commit, violence or injury upon the person or goods of any of the said inhabitants, and shall be convicted thereof, such persons shall be reputed and punished as rioters, according to the laws of England; and such act of terror or violence, or design of violence, shall be deemed and accounted a riot.

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 February 3, 1764, Chapter 508; October 19, 1771, Chapter 639; January 22, 1774, Chapter 690; April 12, 1845, P. L. 380; March 7, 1848, P. L. 110; April 9, 1849, P. L. 526; May 3, 1850, P. L. 670, and March 31, 1860, P. L. 389. Repealed by the Act of March 31, 1860, P. L. 451.

CHAPTER CXXIX.

AN ACT LIMITING THE PRESENTMENTS OF THE GRAND JURY.

[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-