

## 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 Repealed by the Act of March 31, 1860, P. L. 451.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-

eral Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from henceforth nothing which may be determined by justices of the peace according to law shall be presentable by any of the grand juries of this province, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed January 12, 1705-6. Repealed by the Queen in Council, October 24, 1709. See Appendix II, Section III.

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## CHAPTER CXXX.

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### AN ACT FOR DETERMINING OF DEBTS UNDER FORTY SHILLINGS.

To the end that speedy justice may be done:

[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 upon complaint made to any justice of the peace in this province against any person justly indebted under the sum of forty shillings, it shall and may be lawful for the said justice, and he is hereby empowered to issue his warrant, directed to the constable to summon the defendant to appear before him at such time and place as he shall appoint; and upon full hearing and good evidence he shall give his judgment in the matter, which shall be final and conclusive to both plaintiff and defendant, without further appeal; and execution shall be awarded against the person refusing to comply with the judgment, to levy the same upon his goods and chattels, and for want of goods and chattels, against his body.

Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall extend to any debt for rents or contracts of real estate.

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 June 7, 1712, Chapter 186, and March 27, 1712-13. Repealed by the Act of May 23, 1715, Chapter 211.