

[Section XIII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for every license granted by the governor to any public housekeeper to sell wine and beer within the city limits of Philadelphia, he shall receive forty shillings and no more, and for every license granted to keep public house (to the intent aforesaid) in any other part of this province but twenty shillings. And the secretary shall have for drawing the said license and bond ten shillings and no more. And the governor's officer in each county appointed to grant permits and take security for private persons retailing strong liquors without doors shall for every permit and bond receive six shillings and no more.

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, Sections II, III and IX. Expired. See Chapters 172, 179, 180 and 181 passed February 23, 1710-11.

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## CHAPTER CLXV.

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AN ACT TO ASSURE, GRANT AND CONVEY UNTO RALPH FISHBOURN OF CHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, GENTLEMAN, ONE MESSAGE, COTTAGE, HOUSE OR TENEMENT AND LOT OF LAND THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN CHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER AFORESAID COMMONLY KNOWN BY THE NAME OF THE OLD COURT-HOUSE, TO HOLD TO THE SAID RALPH FISHBOURN, HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS FOREVER.

Whereas by an act of general assembly of the province of Pennsylvania and territories held at Philadelphia in the said province the tenth day of May in the ninth year of the reign of King William the Third of England, etc., and in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven, first reciting, that whereas the inhabitants of the county of Chester having built a new court-house the justices with the consent and approbation of the grand jury did sell their old court-house unto John Simcock for the discharging of a certain debt due to him from the said county and in order to give him an assurance for the same it was enacted that the said justices then in commission for the said county of Chester or any three of them should

be enabled and were thereby enabled and empowered by their deed or deeds under their hands and seal of the said county to convey and assure the said old court-house and land unto the said John Simcock, his heirs and assigns forever. And whereas the said John Simcock before such assurance or conveyance as aforesaid made and executed, departed this life, leaving his last will and testament in writing bearing date on or about the five-and-twentieth day of the Fifth month, called July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and two, and amongst divers other legacies and bequests in the same last will and testament mentioned he the said John Simcock did by his said last will and testament give and bequeath unto his son-in-law Ralph Fishbourn the aforesaid land and premises. Now to the end and intent that the said act of general assembly and also the aforesaid last will and testament of the said John Simcock may have so far as unto this matter relateth their full force according to the true intent and meaning thereof and that the said Ralph Fishbourn may be settled and fully and absolutely seized in his demesne as of fee of and in the said lot of land and premises with the appurtenances unto him the said Ralph Fishbourn, his heirs and assigns forever:

[Section I.] May it please the Governor that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by John Evans, Esquire, with 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 the said Ralph Fishbourn upon publication of this act without any further or other conveyance or assurance whatsoever shall be seized and is hereby declared to stand and be fully and absolutely seized in his demense as of fee of and in the lot of land, messuage, cottage, house or tenement called the old court-house, situate, lying and being in Chester in the county of Chester in the province of Pennsylvania, with all and singular other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto the same premises or any and every part or parcel thereof belonging or in anywise appertaining, to have and to hold the same lot

of land and premises unto the said Ralph Fishbourn, his heirs and assigns forever, to and for the only proper use and behoof of him the said Ralph Fishbourn, his heirs and assigns forever; any law, statute, custom or usage already had or made or hereafter to be had or made to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: yielding and paying therefor all such sums of money or rents as now are or hereafter shall or may be due and owing unto the chief lord or lords of the fee or fees having right to receive the same at such time or times as now are or hereafter shall be by them or their agents appointed for receiving the same.

Passed January 12, 1705-6. Apparently never submitted to the consideration of the Crown. See the Act of Assembly passed May 9, 1724, Chapter 278.