

At a General Assembly, begun and holden at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1715, and continued by adjournments until the twenty-ninth day of the same month, the following acts were passed:

CHAPTER COXIX.

AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE TIME FOR PUTTING IN EXECUTION A LAW PASSED IN THE LAST SESSIONS OF ASSEMBLY, HELD FOR THIS PROVINCE, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RAISING A SUPPLY OF ONE PENNY IN THE POUND, AND FOUR SHILLINGS A HEAD; AND FOR REVIVING OTHER ACTS THEREIN MENTIONED." ¹

Whereas certain commissioners were, by the said act, appointed to put the same in execution, in each county of this province, and were required to meet and act on certain days and times therein mentioned, which the commissioners for the county of Chester observed. But the commissioners for the counties of Philadelphia and Bucks failed on their parts; so that there is a necessity of prefixing other days for the commissioners of those two counties to put the said act in execution, and of enlarging the time for bringing the said assessment into the treasury.

Therefore we, the representatives of the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania, desire that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by Charles Gookin, Esquire, by the royal approbation Lieutenant-Governor, under William Penn, Esquire, Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the said Province, 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 commissioners in the said act

¹ Passed May 28, 1715, Chapter 215.

named for the county and city of Philadelphia and for the said county of Bucks are hereby empowered and required to meet on the first day of November next, at the place where the courts in the said counties are usually held, and at such other places and times as the said commissioners, or any two of them respectively, shall then after agree upon. And what the said commissioners should have done, by virtue of the said act, on the third day of October instant, they are hereby respectively empowered and required to do and perform on the said first day of November next; and what the respective sheriffs, assessors, clerks of the peace, and constables of the said city and counties of Philadelphia and Bucks should have done, pursuant to the said act, on and before the twentieth day of October aforesaid, they are hereby required to do and perform on or before the twenty-second day of November next. And what the said assessors and clerks of all the counties of this province are to do on or before the thirty-first day of this instant October, they shall do and perform on or before the twentieth day of December next, under the penalties in the said act mentioned, to be levied as thereby is directed. And what the collectors, for all the said respective counties, are by the said act required to do before the day of appeal in the said act mentioned, they are hereby required to do and perform before the third day of January next, which shall be the day of appeal for the said city and the said respective counties, at which said third day of January the said commissioners and assessors are hereby empowered and required to meet and act, as they ought to have done upon the day of appeal in the said act mentioned, as aforesaid. And that the clerks of the peace, for the respective counties of this province, shall (within ten days after the day of appeal hereby appointed) deliver to the provincial treasurer, for the time being, a true account of the sums total which every collector shall be charged with pursuant to this act.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the collectors of the said assessments in and for every county and district, within this province, shall once a month at least, render a just and true account of, and bring in and pay unto the provincial treasurer or his deputy, all such

flour, sums of money and receipts for wheat as they shall then have received; and shall pay the whole and every of the sums of money assessed in their respective duplicates on or before the first day of May, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixteen, anything in the said act to the contrary of the premises in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any collector appointed or to be appointed by the said assessors in pursuance of this or the above-recited act, shall refuse or neglect to undertake the gathering of the said assessments within his district, then and in that case the commissioners of the county where such refusal shall happen, or any two of them, shall and are hereby required and empowered to fine every collector so refusing, in any sum not exceeding five pounds and appoint others in their stead, which said fines, by virtue of a warrant under the hands and seals of any two of the said respective commissioners, directed to the sheriff or coroner of the proper county, shall be levied and paid as other fines are in and by the above-recited act appointed to be levied and paid.

[Section IV.] And be it further enacted, That if any of the said commissioners shall refuse or neglect to do his duty in the premises, he or they, so offending, shall be fined by the governor or his deputy and council, for the time being, in any sum not exceeding ten pounds, to be levied as aforesaid, by virtue of a warrant under the hand and seal of the governor or his deputy, and paid to the treasurer as other fines are by the said-recited act appointed to be paid. And upon such refusal or neglect or in case any of the said commissioners shall happen to die during the continuance of this act, the governor or provincial treasurer, for the time being, shall forthwith appoint others to act in their stead.

[Section V.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said recited act and all the powers, provisions, penalties, clauses, matters and things therein contained (except only such part and parts of the same act, touching which other provisions or alterations are made by this act) shall continue and be of full force, together with this present

act, until the taxes and assessments in the said-recited act mentioned are fully collected and paid; and shall be applied, practised, and executed, for the raising, levying, collecting, answering and paying the said taxes and assessments according to the tenor and intent of this and the said-recited act, as fully to all intents and purposes as if the said-recited act, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained (and not hereby altered) had been again repeated in this act.

Passed October 29, 1715. Apparently never submitted to the consideration of the Crown. See Appendix IV, Section II, and the Act of Assembly passed May 28, 1715, Chapter 215.

CHAPTER CCXX.

AN ACT FOR REVIVING OF ACTIONS AND PROCESS LATELY DEPEND-
ING IN THE COURTS OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, AND FOR SUP-
PLYING OTHER DEFECTS RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS AT LAW IN
ALL THE COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS IN THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas by the late law of this province for establishing the said courts, the day whereon the court of common pleas by the former law was to begin, is altered, and no copy of the new law being sent to the said county of Chester, the justices and officers were not ascertained of the return days now appointed; by reason whereof divers returns and continuances of pleas and process were made to the second day, instead of the first day, of the two last courts, which may prove a great delay of justice, and very expensive to the parties concerned, if a due and timely provision be not made in that behalf:

[Section I.] Therefore be it enacted by Charles Gookin, Esquire, by the royal approbation Lieutenant-Governor under William Penn, Esquire, Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the same Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all pleas, suits, complaints, process, proceedings, indictments, information, bail bonds, recognizances, causes, matters and things whatsoever