

At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1720, and continued by adjournments until the twenty-fourth day of February, 1720-21, the following acts were passed:

CHAPTER CCXL.

AN ACT FOR CONTINUING SEVERAL ACTS THEREIN MENTIONED, LAYING A DUTY ON WINE, RUM, BRANDY, SPIRITS, CIDER, HOPS, FLAX, NEGROES AND VESSELS, UNTIL THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO.

That due provision be made and continued for defraying the public and necessary charges of this government:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by William Keith, Esquire, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., 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 within and throughout the province of Pennsylvania the several respective duties and impositions for and upon all wine, rum, brandy, spirits, cider, hops and flax imported into this province, which in and by an act of assembly of this province, made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, King George, entitled "An act for laying a duty on wine, rum, brandy, spirits, cider, hops and flax imported into this province,"¹ were made payable or chargeable in manner therein mentioned, until the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one.

And also the duty upon negroes imported into this province, which in and by an act of assembly of this province, made and passed in the said fourth year of his said Majesty, King George, entitled "An act for continuing the duty upon negroes brought into this province,"² were made payable or chargeable in man-

¹ Passed February 22, 1717-18, Chapter 225.

² Passed February 22, 1717-18, Chapter 227.

ner therein mentioned until the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one.

And also the duty of tonnage upon ships, sloops and other vessels importing goods into this province, which in and by an act of assembly of this province, made and passed in the fourth year of our said Sovereign Lord, King George, entitled "An act for raising a duty upon tonnage of ships and vessels,"¹ were made payable or chargeable in manner therein mentioned, for and during the term of three years, commencing from and after the publication of the last recited act.

All and every which acts shall be and are hereby further continued until the fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two. And the rates and duties therein mentioned shall be and are by this act charged and continued for and upon all wine, rum, cider, brandy, spirits, hops and flax, negroes and tonnage of vessels. And the said rates and duties shall be received, raised, levied, collected and paid until the aforesaid fourteenth day of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two aforesaid, by the same ways, means and methods, and by the same persons and by such rules and directions, and with such allowances and repayments, and under such penalties and forfeitures, and with such power of mitigation and other powers, and in such manner and form in all respects as are prescribed, mentioned and expressed in the said former acts, and in every or any of them, or in any other act or acts of assembly of this province, thereby referred unto, or any of them, for or concerning the said duties, or any of them. And that the same acts formerly made and passed, and the said other acts thereby referred unto, as, to, for and concerning the said duties, in all and every of the said beforementioned acts, and every article, clause, matter and thing in every or any of them contained, or thereby referred unto, and now being in force, shall be of full force and effect to all intents and purposes for raising, levying and collecting, securing and accounting for the same rates, duties and impositions hereby granted, charged or continued. And for levying and recovering the penalties and forfeitures

¹ Passed February 22, 1717-18, Chapter 228.

and making any mitigation and allowments, and all other matters during the continuance of this act, as fully as if the same were particularly and at large repeated in the body of this present act.

Passed February 24, 1720-21. Apparently never submitted to the consideration of the Crown; expired May 14, 1722. See Appendix IV, Section II, and the notes to the several Acts of Assembly continued by this act.

CHAPTER CCXLI.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING AND MAINTAINING OF POUNDS.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by William Keith, Esquire, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., 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 justices of Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks, in their respective quarter-sessions, are hereby authorized to appoint such and so many pounds and persons in charge of the same, in the most convenient place or places, as hereafter may be found needful. And upon complaint made, or official misdemeanor, may again change both the place and person offending, and impose such fine as the case may require. And every person so appointed, whilst in charge of any pound, as aforesaid, is likewise hereby empowered and required to receive, impound and keep all such cattle and horses as are, from time to time, brought to him, or any of them, in pursuance of this act; and shall strictly observe the direction of the same, and make due entries of all transactions relating thereunto, in order to be laid before the quarter-sessions when required.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all persons who shall at any time hereafter, take up or secure any cattle or horses trespassing within their enclosures, they are hereby directed and obliged forthwith to take or send the same to the next adjacent poundkeeper, under