

tions and evil practices, so that such offenders shall be brought to the like punishments, and incur the same penalties, as those laws and statutes direct and appoint for offenders in like cases.

Passed May 12, 1722. Apparently never considered by the Crown, but allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix V, Section I, and the Act of Assembly passed March 30, 1723-24, Chapter 272. Repealed by Act passed March 20, 1810, P. L. 188.

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#### CHAPTER CCLIV.

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##### A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT TO THE ACT FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL RAISING OF COUNTY RATES AND LEVIES.

Whereas by an act of assembly of this province entitled "An act for the more effectual raising of county rates and levies,"<sup>1</sup> divers persons are therein named and appointed commissioners for the ends and purposes in the said act mentioned. But forasmuch as the ends and purposes thereof may be fully answered by a less number of commissioners, and thereby the inhabitants of this province may be eased of some unnecessary charges:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by Sir William Keith, Baronet, 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 from and after the thirtieth day of September next, the three eldest commissioners for the county of Philadelphia, and the two first-named commissioners in the county of Chester, and the first commissioner named in the county of Bucks, shall cease to act as commissioners by virtue of the said act, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That hereafter the freeholders and inhabitants of the respective counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks, who are qualified by the laws of this province to elect or be elected

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<sup>1</sup> Passed February 22, 1717-18, Chapter 231.

members of assembly, at the time and place by the laws aforesaid appointed for elections, shall choose one person to be a commissioner in the room and stead of those removed by this act; which person so chosen, together with the commissioners not removed by this act, shall and are hereby declared to have all and every the powers and authorities given to the commissioners in the said act named by virtue of the said act.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants and freeholders aforesaid, after the next election is made for such commissioner, as aforesaid, in the respective counties aforesaid, shall and may yearly and every year, at the time and place aforesaid, choose one commissioner in the room or stead of the then eldest or first-named commissioner; which eldest or first named commissioner shall, upon such election, cease to be a commissioner by virtue of the said act. And so annually the eldest or first-named commissioner shall cease, and one new commissioner shall be elected and added to the rest of the commissioners. And that any two of the said commissioners, in and for the respective counties aforesaid, shall have all and every the powers in the said act mentioned.

Provided always, That if the inhabitants aforesaid of the respective counties aforesaid, or any of them, shall neglect or refuse to choose a commissioner, as aforesaid, then the former commissioners, in such county or counties so neglecting or refusing to elect as aforesaid, shall stand and have all the powers and authorities in the said act mentioned until such election be made as aforesaid.

Provided also, That upon any rate or levy to be raised by virtue of the said [or any other] act of one penny per pound, no more than three shillings per head be laid on single persons for poor rates and county levies.

[Section IV.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as well the commissioner to be elected by virtue of this act as the persons to be elected members to serve in assembly, and also the sheriffs, coroners and assessors of the respective counties of this province, shall be elected at the time and respective places by the laws of this province appointed for

the elections in manner following, viz., all and every person and persons who by virtue of the laws aforesaid are empowered to vote in such elections shall deliver in writing to the judges of those elections respectively, in one piece of paper, the names of eight persons for whom they vote to serve in assembly, and in one other piece of paper, the names of one person for commissioner and six persons for assessors, as aforesaid; and in like manner upon one other paper, the names of two persons for sheriffs and two for coroners, as usual. And that the commissioners aforesaid shall be returned by indenture made between the sheriff and six more of the electors, and returned into the next court of quarter-sessions after such election to be held for the said respective counties; which court of quarter-sessions shall qualify such commissioners, by oath or affirmation, well and truly to perform the office and duty incumbent on him by virtue of the said act. And that return of all and every the other elections aforesaid shall be made in manner and form as by the laws of the said province the same are appointed to be returned respectively.

Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, construed or taken to repeal, alter or make void the hereinbefore recited act, or any other act or law of this province, or any part thereof; but that the same, and every part thereof (except what is herein and hereby expressly altered or annulled) shall remain, continue and be in full force and virtue; and the said act "for the more effectual raising of county rates and levies," and every part thereof (except before excepted) is hereby ratified and confirmed to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Passed May 12, 1722. Repealed by Act of Assembly passed March 20, 1724-25, Chapter 284, before being considered by the Crown.  
See Appendix V, Section I.