

## CHAPTER COLVIII.

AN ACT FOR SETTLING A FERRY AT SOLEBURY, IN BUCKS COUNTY,  
OVER DELAWARE TO NEW JERSEY.

Whereas it is necessary and convenient that a ferry be erected and settled at Solebury in the county of Bucks, over Delaware River to New Jersey:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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 there shall be erected and kept a ferry at the landing place of John Wells in Solebury aforesaid; which said ferry shall be kept at the place aforesaid by the said John Wells, his executors, administrators, or assigns, who shall and are hereby required at all times, during the continuance of this act, to maintain and keep the said ferry, with a good and sufficient boat or flat, and able and sufficient hands to attend the same, as shall be needful for the carriage of all persons, cattle, horse and goods over the said river to New Jersey.

And for the encouragement of the said John Wells to support and maintain the ferry, he, the said John Wells, his executors, administrators and assigns, shall, from and after such sufficient boat or flat [is] provided, as aforesaid (which he is hereby required forthwith to provide and get ready), receive and take for and during the term of seven years, after the publication of this act, for the ferriage or carriage over the said river Delaware to the said province of West Jersey, from all persons whatsoever (the governor-in-chief and the lieutenant-governor and their attendants excepted), the respective rates following: (That is to say)

For every single foot passenger, three pence; but if a greater number together, two pence each.

For every single horse and rider, seven pence half-penny; but if a greater number together, six pence each.

For every single ox, cow or heifer, nine pence; but if a greater number together, seven pence halfpenny each.

For every single sheep, two pence; but if a greater number together, one penny each.

For every single hog, four pence; but if a greater number together, three pence each.

For every loaded wagon or cart, one shilling and six pence; but if empty, one shilling.

For every sled, six pence; and no more.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted, That for and during the said term of seven years, no other person or persons whatsoever (Thomas Canby, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for the use of themselves and the mill, excepted) shall presume to erect or keep any boat, flat or canoe, within the space of two miles above or below the said ferry, for carrying of any passengers, horses, cattle, hogs or sheep, for any hire, wages or reward whatsoever, over the said river Delaware, from this province, to the western division of New Jersey, under the penalty of the forfeiture of five pounds for every such offense; one moiety to the governor for support of this government, and the other moiety to the said John Wells, or his assigns, who may sue for the same; by bill, plaint, or information in any court of record in this province, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, or more than one imparlance shall be allowed.

Provided nevertheless, That if the said John Wells, his executors, administrators or assigns, shall neglect forthwith to provide and get ready a good and sufficient boat or flat for the said ferry; or shall not from time to time give due and constant attendance on the service of the said ferry; or shall not maintain and keep such flat or boat in good order and repair, with able hands for managing them; or if he or they shall demand, exact or take any greater or other rates than is hereinbefore limited and appointed, he or they so offending in the premises, or any of them, shall forfeit and pay for the first offense the sum of five pounds, one moiety to the governor, for the support of government, and the other moiety to the party grieved or other person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered as

aforesaid; and for the second offense the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid; and for the third offense to be removed or displaced by the county court, or other court of record where he shall be convicted of any of the said offenses mentioned in this act; and in such case the justices of the said county court, or other court of record where he shall be convicted as aforesaid, shall appoint another person to keep the said ferry, under the same restrictions and limitations as herein is prescribed and directed.

Passed May 22, 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 February 8, 1766, Chapter 533, and the note thereto.

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## CHAPTER CCLIX.

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AN ACT TO ERECT [AND] ESTABLISH A FERRY ON THE LANDS OF THOMAS YARDLEY, OF MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, IN BUCKS COUNTY.

Whereas it is necessary that a ferry be erected and established in Makefield, upon the land of Thomas Yardley, over Delaware River, for the better accommodation of passengers traveling in this province:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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 there shall be erected and kept a ferry at the landing place of the aforesaid Thomas Yardley, which said ferry shall be kept by the said Thomas Yardley, his executors, administrators and assigns, at the place aforesaid, who shall and are hereby required, at all convenient times, to maintain and keep the said ferry with [such] good, sufficient boat and hands to attend the same as shall from time to time be needful for the carriage of all persons, cattle, horses and goods which, at the place aforesaid, are to be carried over the said river.