

all payments whatsoever, and shall be accepted accordingly in the general loan office of this province; and that no person shall exact any higher or other rates for the same under any pretense whatsoever.

Passed March 30, 1722-23. Allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix V, Section I.

CHAPTER CCLXVIII.

AN ADDITIONAL ACT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LAYING AN EXCISE OR DUTY ON ALL WINE, RUM AND OTHER SPIRITS RETAILED IN THIS PROVINCE."¹

Whereas in an act of assembly of this province, made in the eighth year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled "An act for the laying an excise or duty on all wine, rum and other spirits retailed in this province," there is contained a clause or proviso in the words following, viz.:

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to hinder or debar any taverner, public house keeper or other person licensed, as aforesaid, to sell, vend or barter wine, rum or other spirits by the cask or wholesale, or to retail any quantity of wine, not less than a gallon, or any quantity of rum or other spirits, not less than a quart, duty free, so as the same be not used, expended or drank in such public house or tavern, or in any shed, shelter, yard, covert or other place belonging to the same.

By reason or means of which said proviso, the said act is rendered less effectual to answer the good ends thereby proposed, and the duty or excise thereby intended to be raised for the better support of the government is very much lessened. For [remedy] whereof:

[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,

¹ Passed May 12, 1722, Chapter 251.

That the same proviso shall be repealed, and the same proviso and every part thereof is hereby to all intents and purposes repealed. And the said-recited act and every part thereof (the clause or proviso hereinbefore repealed only excepted) shall remain, continue and be in full force, virtue, efficacy and validity, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if this act had never been made.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons whatsoever shall hereafter sell or barter any quantity of wine, rum, brandy or other spirits, less than one gallon, without the governor's license for that purpose pursuant to the laws of this province first had and obtained, he, she or they so offending shall incur the pains, penalties, fines and forfeitures which persons keeping public houses without license are subject and liable to by the laws of this province, any law or usage of this province to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 30, 1722-23. Apparently never submitted to the consideration of the Crown. See Appendix V, Section I, and the Act of Assembly passed December 12, 1723, Chapter 276, and note thereto.

CHAPTER CCLXIX.

AN ACT FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TRADE.

Whereas by an act of assembly of this province, made in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for laying a duty on wine, rum, brandy, spirits, molasses, cider, hops and flax, imported, landed or brought into this province,"¹ the duty of three pence per gallon is laid on all rum and one penny per gallon on all molasses imported into this province, which duties are thought too burdensome, the present circumstances of trade considered. For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by Sir William Keith, Baronet, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the

¹ Passed May 12, 1722, Chapter 249.