

of record, according to the direction, and under the penalties of the before-recited act.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the collector of the excise for the time being shall take the bonds and other securities, to be given by the [said] brewers in this and the said-recited act, for the uses in the said-recited act mentioned, and demand for the same such reasonable allowance as in the said-recited act is appointed, anything in this or in the said-recited act to the contrary [hereof in anywise] notwithstanding.

Passed March 30, 1722-23. Apparently never submitted to the consideration of the Crown, but allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix V, Section I. Repealed by Act of Assembly passed March 20, 1810, P. L. 188.

CHAPTER CCLXXIII.

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A FERRY OVER THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL AT THE END OF THE HIGH STREET OF PHILADELPHIA.

For the greater conveniency of the inhabitants on the west side of the river Schuylkill, traveling to and from the city of Philadelphia:

[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 the mayor and commonalty of the said city of Philadelphia may and shall, at their own proper cost and charge, within eighteen months after the publication of this act, make or cause to be made a sufficient causeway and landing at the end of the said High street of Philadelphia, on both sides of the said river, and shall keep and maintain the same in good repair, fit for footmen, horses and carts to pass and repass, and also provide and maintain a good, substantial ferry boat or boats, and capable ferrymen, who shall reside and dwell on the west side

of Schuylkill River, and duly and constantly attend the same as occasion may require.

And for the support of the said ferry:

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said mayor and commonalty, and their successors, by their deputies or officers to be appointed for that purpose, shall receive and take for ferriage over the said river of all persons (the [proprietor and] governor and [their] attendants only excepted) the several following rates, and no more: (That is to say)

For each person, one penny.

For each horse, loaded or unloaded, one penny.

For a coach or chariot, one shilling.

For a chaise of four wheels, six pence.

For a chaise of two wheels, four pence.

For a cart or wagon with their loading, one shilling; and without loading, six pence.

For a sled loaded or unloaded, one penny.

Besides the aforesaid rates for each horse belonging to, and [the] person accompanying such coach, chariot, chase, cart or wagon or sled:

For every cow, or other neat cattle, boated or swam, three halfpence.

For every live sheep, one halfpenny.

For every live hog or swine, one penny.

And for the better encouragement of the said ferry:

[Section III.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons whatsoever shall keep or use any boat or canoe for transporting any person or persons, creatures or carriages, for hire or pay, over the said river, in any other place between those ferries now called Roach's and Blunston's ferries, on the said river, besides the ferry hereby established, under the penalty and forfeiture of twenty pounds, lawful money of this government, for each offense, to be recovered in any court of record of this province, one-half thereof to the use of the informer or prosecutor, who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the mayor and commonalty of the said city, wherein no more than one imparlance shall be allowed.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or adjudged to annul or make void any contract made between the [said] corporation and any person or persons whatsoever, in relation to the said ferry, but that the said contract is hereby declared [as] good and effectual to all intents and purposes as before the enacting of this law.

Passed March 30, 1722-23. 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.

CHAPTER CCLXXIV.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER AND MORE EFFECTUAL PUTTING IN EXECUTION AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY OF THIS PROVINCE ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE EMITTING AND MAKING CURRENT FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS IN BELLS OF CREDIT."¹

Whereas some doubts have arisen that by the purport and direction of the said act, the trustees of the general loan office of this province are restricted from loan of the said bills on mortgage of lands and houses subject to any former or other incumbrances whatsoever; and the persons offering to mortgage are thereby required to declare on oath or affirmation, *inter alia*, that the lands, houses and ground rents are free and clear from any other or former gift, grant, sale, mortgage or other incumbrance to his or her knowledge. And inasmuch as all or most of the lands purchased of the proprietary of this province are held of him, his heirs and assigns, under certain rents and reservations, and many of the houses and lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, and divers other parts of this province, are subjected to rents and reservations thence issuing to divers persons, with clauses and covenants for securing the same rents. And inasmuch as many well meaning people in this province called Quakers, who conscientiously scruple to take the affirmation in the usual form, are debarred

¹ Passed March 2, 1722-23, Chapter 261.