

prietors' quit-rents, except such part thereof as is hereby altered or other provision made by this act; and that this act continue until the fifteenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine and no longer.

Passed May 19, 1739. See Appendix XIV, Section I, and note to the Act of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 139. Expired, but see the acts of Assembly passed March 7, 1745-46, Chapter 363. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed November 27, 1779, Chapter 874.

CHAPTER CCCXLIX.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER ENABLING DIVERS INHABITANTS OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA TO TRADE AND HOLD LANDS WITHIN THE SAID PROVINCE.¹

Whereas by the royal charter of the late King Charles the Second to William Penn, Esquire, late proprietary and governor of the province of Pennsylvania, license is granted to all persons not specially forbidden to transport themselves and families into the said province in such shipping as by the laws of the Kingdom of England they ought to use, paying the customs therefor due, and here to settle themselves, dwell and inherit, and plant for the public and their own private advantage, with license to purchase and hold lands in fee simple or otherwise of the said proprietary and his heirs, with full license to all persons who shall from time to time repair hither with a purpose to inhabit or trade with the natives of this country to load, freight and transport all and singular their goods, wares and merchandise not prohibited by the laws and statutes of England into any ports whatsoever of the said late King, his heirs and successors, according to the laws made or to be made within the said Kingdom of England, saving always to the said late King, his heirs and successors, the legal impo-

¹ See note to Chapter 309.

sitions, customs or other duties due or to become due by any law or statute for the said wares or merchandises as by the said royal charter (among other things) may more fully appear.

And whereas, Joannes Dylander, Christian Grassold, Henry Shocklier, Michael Jansen Halling, Daniel Steinmetz, Johannes Smith, David Deshler, Hans George Passage, David Seesholtz, Stephen Greiff, Hans George Hickner, Sebastian Mirry, Rudolph Bonner, Baltazar Resser, Junior, Joannes Zacharias, Charles Bensel, Junior, Daniel Mackned, Junior, Justis Reeb-Camp, Charles Reeb-Camp, Jacob Gallete, Anthony Hinkel, Peter Righter, William Rerigh, Henry Shoub, Christopher Roab, Caspar Singer, Ludowick Knaus, William Hauke, Leonhart Christler, Johannes Wilhelm, Ludowick Cirkel, Ludowick Hinnige, George Creesman, Frederick Gotshall, Andreas Trombouer, Jacob Trombouer, Hartman Dettermer, Philip Enghert, Leonhart Hartline, Michael Klein, Joseph Coob, Henry Deinig, Johan Ditterig Bauman, Johan Kleim, Frederick Marstaller, Matthias Koplín, Johannes Bender, Henry Deeringer, Adam Moser, Peter Jarger, Samuel Gooldin, Hans George Jarger, Jacob Frey, Christopher Witman, Andreas Geisberts, Andreas Jager, Jacob Aister, Andreas Kepler, Benedictus Munts, John Eigster, Michael Herger, Philip Haan, Conrath Dotterer, Bernhard Dotterer, Herman Fisher, Frederick Hillengas, Philip Labar, Michael Knappenberger, Michael Dotterer, George Hubner, Conrath Kolb, George Philip Dotterer, Johan Miller, Jacob Freeh, Henry Smith, Leonhart Smith, Rowland Smith, Michael Kraus, Daniel Kreestman, Abraham Beyer, Michael Good, George Good, Henry Snyder, Adam Reed, Christopher Ottinger, Anthony Jager, Nicholas Jager, Johan Henry Weeber, Johan Jacob Roth, Johannes Geldbagh and Christian Gondy, inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia; Henry Bernhart, Mick[a]el Neace and Adam Shaffer, inhabitants of the county of Bucks; Michael Albert, William Albert, Leonhart Bender, George Miller, John Bushung, Nicholas Candle, John Hagey, Charles Keller, Stephen Remsberger, Ludowick Dettenburn, Jacob Bare, Junior, John Leiberger, Michael Becker, John Peter Coohar, Christian Lower, John Libough, Bartholomew Shaver, Caspar Stump,

Jacob Becker, Tobias Pickle, Peter Rutt, George Kline, Paul Tittenhoffer, Matthias Tise, George Ludowick Horst, Sebastian Graff, Johan Henry Basseler, Mattheas Jung, Jacob Shloug, Henry Michael Immel, Felix Miller, Martin Weybrecht, Frederick Eighelberger, Sebastian Fink, Hans Adam Shreiner, Christian Long, Caspar Tiller, Anthony Bretter, Leonhart Ellmaker, Andreas Bersinger, Hans Graff, Jacob Hartman, Theophilus Hartman, Theophilus Hartman, Junior, Benjamin Witmer, Adam Witmer, Joannes Pinkley, Turst Buckwalter, Henry Neaff, Junior, Valentine Hergelrat, Henry Basseler, Johan Stetler, Leonhart Romler, Leonhart Heyer, Peter Shell, Johan Nohaker, Nicholas Miller, Johan Hock, Thomas Koppenheffer, Michael Koppenheffer, Christian Leeman, George Unrook, Jacob Shaffer, Valentine Keefer, Jacob Etshberger, Herman Walburn, Caspar Reed, Christian Manu-smith, Nicholas Cutts, George Weyrick, Christopher Ley, Jacob Lower, Hans Moor, John Blum, George Steitz, Erasmus Buckenmeyer and George Groff, inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, being of the Protestant or Reformed religion and subjects of the Emperor of Germany and other princes now in amity with the King of Great Britain, having transported themselves with their families and effects into this province, and being desirous to be made partakers of the immunities belonging to the natural-born subjects of this province, and to be more effectually secured of those privileges and advantages granted by his said late Majesty, King Charles the Second, to persons coming into this province to settle and inhabit, they having as a testimony of their fidelity and affection to his present Majesty, King George the Second, and the Crown of Great Britain, taken the qualifications to his Majesty and government by law appointed and enjoined to be taken, obtained leave to bring in this bill to the present assembly.

Therefore may it please the governor that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by George Thomas, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor with the royal approbation under the Honorable John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors

of the Province of [Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same], That they the said Joannes Dylander, Christian Grassold, Henry Shocklier, Michael Jansen Halling, Daniel Steinmetz, Johannes Smith, David Deshler, Hans George Passage, David Seesholtz, Stephen Greif, Hans George Hickner, Sebastian Mirry, Rudolph Bonner, Baltazar Resser, Junior, Joannes Zacharias, Charles Benzel, Junior, Daniel Mackned, Junior, Justis Reeb-Camp, Charles Reeb-Camp, Jacob Gallete, Anthony Hinkel, Peter Righter, William Rerig, Henry Shoub, Christopher Roab, Caspar Singer, Ludowick Knaus, William Hauke, Leonhart Christler, Johannes Wilhelm, Ludowick Cirkel, Ludowick Hinnige, George Creesman, Frederick Gotshall, Andreas Trombouer, Jacob Trombouer, Hartman Dettermmer, Philip Enghert, Leonhart Hartline, Michael Klein, Joseph Coob, Henry Deinig, Johan Ditterig Bauman, Johan Klein, Frederick Marstaller, Matthias Koplín, Johannes Bender, Henry Deeringer, Adam Moser, Peter Jarger, Samuel Gooldin, Hans George Jarger, Jacob Frey, Christopher Witman, Andreas Geisberts, Andreas Jager, Jacob Aister, Andreas Kepler, Benedictus Muntz, John Eigster, Michael Herger, Philip Haan, Conratd Dotterer, Bernhart Dotterer, Herman Fisher, Frederick Hillengas, Philip Labar, Michael Knappenberger, Michael Dotterer, George Hubner, Conrath Kolb, George Philip Dotterer, Johan Miller, Jacob Freeh, Henry Smith, Leonhart Smith, Rowland Smith, Michael Kraus, Daniel Kreestman, Abraham Beyer, Michael Good, George Good, Henry Snyder, Adam Reed, Christopher Ottinger, Anthony Jager, Nicolaus Jager, Johan Henry Weeber, Johan Jacob Roth, Johannes Geldbagh, Christian Gondy, Henry Bernhard, Mick[a]el Neace, Adam Shaffer, Michael Albert, William Albert, Leonhart Bender, George Miller, John Bushung, Nicholas Candle, John Hagey, Charles Keller, Stephen Remsberger, Ludowick Dettenburn, Jacob Bare, Junior, John Leiberger, Michael Becker, John Peter Coohar, Christian Lawer, John Libough, Bartholomew Shaver, Caspar Stump, Jacob Becker, Tobias Pickle, Peter

Rutt, George Kline, Paul Tittenhoffer, Matthias Tise, George Ludowick Horst, Sebastian Graff, Johan Henry Basseler, Mattheas Jung, Jacob Shloug, Henry Michael Immel, Felix Miller, Martin Weybrecht, Frederick Eighelberger, Sebastian Fink, Hans Adam Shreiner, Christian Long, Caspar Tiller, Anthony Bretter, Leonhart Ellmaker, Andreas Bersinger, Hans Graff, Jacob Hartman, Theophilus Hartman, Theophilus Hartman, Junior, Benjamin Witmer, Adam Witmer, Johannes Pinkley, Turst Buckwalter, Henry Neaf, Junior, Valentine Hergelrat, Henry Basseler, Johan Stetler, Leonhart Romler, Leonhart Heyer, Peter Shell, Johan Nohaker, Nicholas Miller, Johan Hock, Thomas Koppenheffer, Michael Koppenheffer, Christian Leeman, George Unrook, Jacob Shaffer, Valentine Keefer, Jacob Etshberger, Herman Wallburn, Caspar Reed, Christian Manusmith, Nicholas Cutts, George Weyrick, Christopher Ley, Jacob Lower, Hans Moor, John Blum, George Steitz, Erasmus Buckenmeyer and George Groff and every of them are hereby declared and shall at all times hereafter be esteemed and taken to all intents and purposes to be and to have been since their first arrival into this province free and fully able and capable to trade, traffic, load, freight and transport all and all manner of goods, wares and merchandise not by law prohibited to be imported or exported as if they and every of them had been the natural liege people and subjects of the King of Great Britain, born in this province of Pennsylvania; and also that they and each of them shall and are hereby enabled and adjudged able to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as well to demand, take, have and enjoy any privileges and immunities belonging to His Majesty's liege people and natural subjects of this province, as also to have and enjoy all lands and tenements and all other hereditaments by way of purchase or gift of any person or persons whatsoever, and also to prosecute, pursue, maintain, avow and justify all and all manner of actions, suits and causes, and all other things to do as lawfully, freely and fully as if they and every of them had been and were born natural subjects in this province or

as any other person or persons born within this province may lawfully in anywise do, any law, custom or usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed May 19, 1739. See Appendix XIV, Section I, and the Acts of Assembly passed February 3, 1742-43, Chapter 359; June 20, 1759, Chapter 445; (the Constitution of 1776, Plan of Government, Section 42;) June 13, 1777, Chapter 756; August 31, 1778, Chapter 803; March 4, 1786, Chapter 1206; February 11, 1789, Chapter 1387.

CHAPTER CCCL.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT FOR ELECTING MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY.

Whereas notwithstanding the just and impartial method prescribed for electing of members of assembly by the charter of privileges granted by the Honorable William Penn, Esquire, late proprietor and governor-in-chief of the province of Pennsylvania and counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware, to the inhabitants thereof, and of the several acts of general assembly of the said province made in pursuance of the said charter for the more free, impartial and peaceable election of members to serve in the general assembly of the said province, and of sheriffs, coroners, commissioners, assessors and of inspectors to assist in the said election, it hath nevertheless been found upon experience that the present method prescribed by the laws of this province for choosing inspectors to assist the sheriff and for receiving the poll or votes at the said elections hath not answered the good purposes for which it was intended, but great numbers of disorderly persons, many of whom not being qualified to vote for members of assembly, &c., have mixed themselves among the electors at the time of choosing inspectors, and have by their rude and disorderly behavior disturbed the electors and created strifes and quarrels, to the great danger and disquiet of the peaceable people there met together and in delay of the said elections.