

At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1746, and continued by adjournments until the twenty-sixth day of August, 1747, the following act was passed:

CHAPTER CCCLXXII.

AN ACT FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE BETTER SECURING THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FROM THE DANGER OF GUNPOWDER."¹

Whereas by the act, entitled "An act for the better securing the city of Philadelphia from the danger of gunpowder," passed in the eleventh year of the reign of King George the First, it was amongst other things enacted, That William Chancellor, of the city of Philadelphia aforesaid, sailmaker, should, at his own expense, erect a good and substantial, tight and secure powder-house or store for gunpowder at the place and within the time in the said act mentioned, so fit and capacious as might be reasonably expected to contain all the gunpowder to be from time to time imported or brought into the city aforesaid during the space of twenty-one years, the time of the continuance of the said act; and that the said William [Chancellor], his executors and assigns, should during the space aforesaid lay up and store all the gunpowder to be imported as aforesaid, and should for the storage aforesaid receive the fees and perquisites and be under the restrictions and regulations in the said act contained. And whereas the said act hath for some time been expired, but the danger which may arise from gunpowder within the city aforesaid by the said act provided against as yet continues, and it is therefore necessary that the said act be continued until some further provision shall be made for the like purposes:

¹ Passed August 14, 1725, Chapter 287.

Therefore, at the humble request of Elizabeth Chancellor, acting executrix of the last will and testament of the said William Chancellor, deceased, on behalf of herself and her orphan brothers and sisters:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable George Thomas, Esquire, with the King's royal approbation Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania and of the counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid act, entitled "An act for the better securing the city of Philadelphia from the danger of gunpowder," be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and virtue. And that the said Elizabeth Chancellor, on behalf of herself and her brothers and sisters, shall be entitled to the same perquisites, fees and rewards for the storage of gunpowder, and other the premises in the act aforesaid mentioned, and be under the same regulations, restrictions and penalties as in the said act are contained and provided for the said William Chancellor, his executors and assigns, for and during the space of one year next ensuing the publication of this act, and from thence until some future [provision be made] by act of assembly and no longer.

Passed May 8, 1747. Confirmed by the King in Council, October 29, 1748. See Appendix XVI, Section I, and note to the Act of Assembly passed August 14, 1725, Chapter 287.