

## CHAPTER CCCCXCIV.

AN ACT FOR ALTERING AND ENLARGING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE COURTS OF GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AND GAOL DELIVERY IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, AND FOR ENLARGING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE COURTS OF GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AND GAOL DELIVERY IN [THE] COUNTY OF CHESTER.

Whereas by an act of assembly of this province, entitled "An act for establishing courts of judicature in this province,"<sup>1</sup> passed in the eighth year of King George the First the time for holding the county courts of general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in the counties of Bucks and Chester respectively is limited to two days only in each session, which, at the time of passing the said act when the province was in its infancy, might be time sufficient for accomplishing the business in the said court; but inasmuch as the said counties have since grown more populous, and the business of the said courts as well as the number of inhabitants considerably increased, so that the time aforesaid for holding said courts is now found by experience to be insufficient to try and determine the issues and finish the other business in the said courts from time to time depending, to the great delay of justice, expense and trouble of the people of the said counties and also forasmuch as it will be more convenient and necessary that the said court of general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in the county of Bucks should begin earlier in the week than is by the said act directed.

For remedy whereof for the future:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable James Hamilton, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and 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 by the authority of the

<sup>1</sup> Passed May 22, 1722, Chapter 255.

same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the justices of the courts of general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery of the county of Bucks, and they are hereby enjoined and required to hold the said courts the ninth day following (inclusive) after holding the courts of general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in the county of Philadelphia in the months of March, June, September and December in each year, and not on the days and times in the afore recited act directed and appointed.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the said courts in the counties of Bucks and Chester respectively, and they are hereby enjoined and required to hold the said courts for and during the space of three days in each session, if occasion be, and to adjourn over from day to day for that purpose, anything in the said act of assembly to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed March 4, 1763. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, December 9, 1763, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXIV, Section II, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed May 22, 1722, Chapter 255; and the Acts of Assembly passed September 7, 1789, Chapter 1427; April 13, 1791, Chapter 1575; March 15, 1800, Chapter 2142; February 24, 1806, P. L. 334; February 13, 1811, P. L. 45; February 20, 1816, P. L. 82; March 12, 1821, P. L. 85; March 27, 1821, P. L. 136; April 2, 1822, P. L. 144; March 15, 1826, P. L. 115; April 14, 1834, P. L. 333; July 16, 1842, P. L. 374; April 22, 1850, P. L. 543; April 26, 1850, P. L. 611; March 18, 1875, P. L. 28; August 7, 1883, P. L. (1885) 323.

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## CHAPTER CCCCXCV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR OPENING AND BETTER AMENDING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THIS PROVINCE." <sup>1</sup>

Whereas by an act passed in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for opening and better amending and keeping in repair the public roads and highways within this province," <sup>1</sup> it was enacted that it should be lawful for the

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<sup>1</sup> Passed February 17, 1762, Chapter 479.