

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.

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." ¹

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," ¹ it was enacted that it should be lawful for the

¹ Passed February 17, 1762, Chapter 479.

supervisors of the public roads and highways within their respective districts of this province, in conjunction with the assessors of the several townships within their districts chosen by virtue of the act of assembly made in the thirty-first year of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled "An act for granting to His Majesty the sum of one hundred thousand pounds," &c.,² to make or lay a rate or assessment not exceeding three pence in the pound, clear value of the real and personal estates of all and every the freeholders and inhabitants within their respective districts, to be employed for the opening, clearing, amending and repairing the several public roads and highways within their respective districts in such manner as by that act was directed.

Provided nevertheless, That the said rate or assessment should be laid according to the best of their skill and judgment and as near as might be to the county assessment for other purposes laid in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act for raising county rates and levies,"¹ having due regard to every man's estate within the respective district in which he is assessed, without favor or affection to any person whomsoever.

And whereas some doubts have arisen concerning the true intent and meaning of the said act in relation to the taxes to be raised and levied by virtue thereof:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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 same, That the supervisors and assessors in and by the said act appointed and empowered shall make or lay a rate or assessment on the clear value of the real and personal estates of all and every the freeholders and inhabitants within their respective districts, to be employed for the opening, clearing, amending and repairing the public roads and highways within

² Passed April 22, 1758, Chapter 431.

¹ Passed March 20, 1724-25, Chapter 284.

their respective districts, in such manner as by the said act is directed and appointed.

Provided nevertheless, That no tax to be laid and levied in any one year shall exceed six pence in the pound.

Provided also, That the single men not having real or personal estates in the respective districts of this province shall be hereby excused and exempted from the rates and assessments imposed in and by virtue of this act and the act to which this act is a supplement.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and continue in force for and during the continuance of the act to which this act is a supplement, and no longer.

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 February 17, 1762, Chapter 479.

CHAPTER CCCCXCVI.

AN ACT TO ENABLE CERTAIN PERSONS THEREIN NAMED TO ERECT A COURT-HOUSE AT EASTON, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, AND TO LEVY A TAX ON THE INHABITANTS OF THE SAID COUNTY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

Whereas by an act passed in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of the late King George the Second, entitled "An act for erecting the northwest part of Bucks into a separate county,"¹ it was enacted that Thomas Craig, Hugh Wilson, John Jones, Thomas Armstrong and James Martin, or any three of them, should purchase and take assurance to them and their heirs of a piece of land situated in some convenient place of the town of Easton, within the county of Northampton, in trust and for the use of the inhabitants of the said county, and thereon to erect and build a court-house and prison sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county and for the ease and conveniency of the inhabitants; and that for the defraying the charges

¹ Passed March 11, 1752, Chapter 393.