

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said provincial treasurer for the time being shall once in three months, if required by the committee of assembly annually appointed for settling the public accounts, deliver to them all such bills of credit as shall from time to time come into his hands and are by law directed to be burnt, sunk and destroyed, in order that the same may be burnt, sunk and destroyed by the said committee.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act of general assembly passed in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Second, entitled "An act for granting the sum of sixty thousand pounds for the King's use and for striking fifty-five thousand pounds thereof in bills of credit and to provide a fund for sinking the same,"<sup>1</sup> and of the act of general assembly passed in the thirtieth year of His said late Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for striking the sum of thirty thousand pounds in bills of credit and giving the same to the King's use and for providing a fund to sink the bills so to be emitted by laying an excise upon wine, rum, brandy and other spirits,"<sup>2</sup> as relates to the sureties to be given by the provincial treasurer, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed, null and void.

Passed February 18, 1769. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 26, 1770, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXVII, Section I. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed November 19, 1789, Chapter 1465.

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## CHAPTER DLXXXVII.

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AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM SETTLING ON THE LANDS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS PROVINCE NOT PURCHASED OF THE INDIANS.

Whereas many disorderly persons have presumed to settle upon lands not purchased of the Indians, which has occasioned

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<sup>1</sup> Passed November 27, 1755, Chapter 406.

<sup>2</sup> Passed September 21, 1756, Chapter 412.

great uneasiness and dissatisfaction on the part of the said Indians and have been attended with dangerous consequences to the peace and safety of this province:

For remedy of which mischief in future:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, 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 if any person or persons after the publication of this act either singly or in companies shall presume to settle upon any lands within the boundaries of this province not purchased of the Indians, or shall make or cause any survey to be made of any part thereof, or mark or cut down any trees thereon, with design to settle or appropriate the same to his own or the use of any other person or persons whatsoever, every such person or persons so offending, being legally convicted thereof in any court of quarter sessions of the county where such offenders shall be apprehended (in which said court the said offenses are hereby made cognizable) shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of five hundred pounds and suffer twelve months' imprisonment without bail or mainprise; and shall, moreover, find surety for his good behavior during the space of twelve months from and after the expiration of the term of such imprisonment, one moiety of the said sum of money to the prosecutor and the other moiety to the overseers of the poor of the city or township where such offender shall be apprehended to the use of the poor thereof.

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