

every other quarter sessions of the peace in each county respectively during the continuance thereof by the clerk of such sessions by order of the justices thereof.

[Section VI.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and continue in full force and virtue during the space of six months from the publication thereof and from thence to the end of the next sitting of assembly and no longer.

Passed February 9, 1771. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, October 9, 1771, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXIX, and the Act of Assembly passed October 19, 1771, Chapter 639. Expired.

CHAPTER DCXIX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ERECTING PART OF THE COUNTIES OF PHILADELPHIA, CHESTER AND LANCASTER INTO A SEPARATE COUNTY." ¹

Whereas by the act of general assembly of this province for erecting the county of Berks, ¹ passed in the twenty-fifth year of the late reign, it is provided and enacted that the freemen and inhabitants of the said county qualified by the laws of this province to vote at the general elections should annually choose until it should otherwise be ordered by law, one representative or delegate to represent them in assembly:

And whereas since the passing the said law the number of inhabitants in the said county is considerably increased and its limits extended:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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

¹ Passed March 11, 1752, Chapter 392.

said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the freeholders and inhabitants of the said county of Berks qualified by the laws of this province to vote at the general election shall, at the same time the inhabitants of the other counties meet for like purposes, assemble at their county town of Reading and elect for the said county two representatives or delegates to serve them in assembly in the same manner as by the charter and laws of this province is directed in respect to the other counties, which said representatives so chosen shall be members of the general assembly of this province of Pennsylvania and sit and act as such as fully and freely as any of the representatives of the other counties within this province do, may, can or ought to do.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the said act of general assembly passed in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of George the Second to which this act is a supplement as relates to the election of one member of assembly for the said county shall be and is hereby declared to be repealed and made null and void.

Passed March 9, 1771. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, October 9, 1771, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXIX, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 11, 1752-53, Chapter 392.

CHAPTER DCXX.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF ROCKFISH AND OYSTERS.

Whereas the catching small rockfish and the taking oysters at improper times tend to deprive the markets in this province of such supplies of them as by prudent regulations may be continued:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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