

isfaction for the damages aforesaid, then and not otherwise it shall be lawful for the said commissioners to prostrate and totally to remove the said mill-dam, and open and forever thereafter to keep open, the said eastern channel of the said river free and clear from all manner of impediments and obstructions to the navigation thereof.

Passed February 26, 1773. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 2, 1774, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXXI, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 465.

CHAPTER DCLXXXI.

AN ACT FOR MAKING PERPETUAL THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LAYING A DUTY ON NEGROES AND MULATTO SLAVES IMPORTED INTO THIS PROVINCE AND LAYING AN ADDITIONAL DUTY ON THE SAID SLAVES."¹

Whereas the act of general assembly passed in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province,"¹ and one other act, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province.'"² were continued beyond the term limited in the said acts by the act of general assembly passed in the eighth year of the same reign, entitled "An act to continue the act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province;"³ and one other act, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province.'"²

And whereas all the said recited acts are near expiring and inasmuch as the said recited act has been found by experience to

¹ Passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 467.

² Passed April 22, 1761, Chapter 468.

³ Passed February 20, 1768, Chapter 572.

be of great public utility, we the representatives of the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania do pray that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, 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 said act of general assembly passed in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province,"¹ and every article, clause and thing therein contained (except the clauses appointing the officer or collector to put the said act in execution and for limiting the continuance thereof) shall be and are hereby made perpetual, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas the laying an additional duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province will be of still greater public advantage:

[Section II.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid for every negro or mulatto slave imported into this province (except only such negroes and mulatto slaves as are in the said act hereby made perpetual excepted) the sum of ten pounds over and above the duty imposed in and by the last-mentioned act, and that the said additional duty shall be raised, collected and paid by the same persons in the same manner and under the same penalties and forfeitures as the duty imposed by the said act hereby made perpetual is therein directed to be raised, collected and paid.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the collector of the additional duty by this act imposed shall pay the same after deducting five per cent. for his trouble in receiving and paying thereof with all reasonable charges by him expended in the prosecution of any seizures and recovery of any fines, forfeitures and penalties in pursuance of this act to the provincial treasurer, to be by him applied towards sinking the sums of money heretofore granted to His

¹ Passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 467.

Majesty's use; and after the said sums shall be fully sunk, then that the surplus shall remain in his hands, to be disposed of by the governor and assembly.

[Section IV.] And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the treasurer shall have for his trouble ten shillings for every hundred pounds which he shall receive and pay by virtue of this act and no more.

[Section V.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Thomas Coombe, of the city of Philadelphia, shall be and is hereby appointed collector of the duties and receiver of all fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed by the said act hereby made perpetual and this act, and he is hereby authorized, enjoined and required to do, execute and perform all and every the acts, matters and things enjoined and required to be done and performed by the collector of the said duties by the same acts, he the said Thomas Coombe before he enters upon the execution of his said office giving bond with one or more sufficient sureties to the provincial treasurer for the time being in the sum of five hundred pounds with condition for the due execution of his trust and performance of all matters and things required of him as well by this act as by the act hereby made perpetual.

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CHAPTER DCLXXXII.

AN ACT FOR VACATING A PART OF A ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES AND FOR CONFIRMING A NEW ROAD LAID OUT AND MADE INSTEAD THEREOF.

Whereas, by an order of the governor and council on the eleventh day of January, one thousand seven hundred and