

And whereas there is no provision made by the said act in case any of the [said] wardens, assessors or freeholders should remove from this city and thereby become incapable to perform the several duties of their respective offices:

For remedy whereof:

[Section VII.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the said wardens, assessors or freeholders shall happen to remove during the time for which they are so chosen or appointed out of this province or to a greater distance from the city of Philadelphia than three miles, the wardens and assessors for the time being or a majority of them shall in every such case appoint one or more fit person or persons in the place and stead of such warden or wardens, assessor or assessors, freeholder or freeholders, so removing as aforesaid in the same manner as if such warden, assessor or freeholder was deceased or had refused to execute the said office.

Passed April 6, 1776. Probably not submitted to the Crown for action. See Appendix XXXIII, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 636.

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## CHAPTER DCCXX.

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AN ACT TO CONTINUE AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE FISHERY IN THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL,"<sup>1</sup> AND TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISIONS THEREIN.

Whereas the act, entitled "An act to regulate the fishery in the river Schuylkill,"<sup>1</sup> passed in the eleventh year of His present Majesty's reign, is near expiring by its own limitation:

And whereas the said act has been found by experience to be of public utility:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Gov[ernor] and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent and advice of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General

<sup>1</sup> Passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 621.

Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the same recited act of general assembly be and the same and every article, clause and thing therein contained are hereby declared to be continued in full force from the publication hereof for the term of seven years and from thence to the end of the next sitting of assembly and no longer.

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons sha[ll] cast, draw or make use of any net, seine or other device for catching of shad in the river Schuylkill after the twentieth day of May in each year during the continuance of this act, such person being thereof legally convicted shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds for every such offense, to be recovered and applied in the same manner and to the same uses as the other penalties in and by the said recited act imposed [are limited] and directed.

Passed April 6, 1776. Probably not submitted to the Crown for action. See Appendix XXXIII, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 621; and the Acts of Assembly passed March 14, 1777, Chapter 747; May 29, 1901, P. L. 302.

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## CHAPTER DCCXXI.

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AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF WILLIAM JUDD, JOHN ONIONS, MICHAEL JORDAN AND WILLIAM SANDERS, PRISONERS FOR DEBT IN THE GAOL OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF THEIR PERSONS.

Whereas it has been represented to the assembly of this province by the petitions of William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan and William Sanders, prisoners for debt in the gaol of Philadelphia county, that although they are willing to assign over all their respective effects to the use of their respective creditors for the payment of their respective debts and to discharge such as shall thereafter remain unpaid as soon as by their industry they can find means of satisfying creditors, yet by their imprisonment they are disabled from putting in execution their just intentions and are reduced to great distress: