

the act of assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act that no public house or inn within this province shall be kept without license,"<sup>1</sup> and the security directed to be given by tavern keepers and others in one hundred pounds before such licenses be issued," shall be taken in a [sum] equivalent to the augmented price of such license and shall be deemed to be money of the value of ten shillings for a bushel of wheat and estimated, collected, satisfied and paid in like manner as the fees of certain officers as aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act of assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act to increase the fees on tavern licenses, the fines on tipping houses and the rates of excise,"<sup>2</sup> passed on the fifteenth day of March, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and everything therein contained (saving the treble rates thereby laid upon tavern licenses which shall continue till the said ninth day of August next) shall from and after the said first day of May next be repealed and made void.

Passed March 17, 1780. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed February 28, 1710-11, Chapter 172; August 26, 1721, Chapter 244; September 21, 1756, Chapter 412; March 21, 1772, Chapter 656; and the Acts of Assembly passed April 6, 1781, Chapter 938; March 19, 1783, Chapter 1016; March 20, 1783, Chapter 1018; December 9, 1783, Chapter 1861; April 5, 1785, Chapter 1161; September 25, 1786, Chapter 1248; September 21, 1791, Chapter 1582; (the two Acts of Assembly passed) April 22, 1794, Chapters 1758, 1763. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 367, &c.

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## CHAPTER DCCCXCVIII.

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AN ACT TO GRANT TO HENRY GUEST AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS OF MAKING OIL AND BLUBBER FROM MATERIALS OF HIS OWN DISCOVERY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, the encouragement of arts, manufactures and commerce has always in all civilized and well-im-

<sup>1</sup> See Acts of February 28, 1710-11, Chapter 172, and August 26, 1721, Chapter 244.

<sup>2</sup> Chapter 325.

proved countries been held as one of the duties of government, and that to provide suitable recompense for those who, by their own expense, ingenuity or dint of application have made new and useful discoveries is not only consistent with justice and generosity but with true policy:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas, Henry Guest, now of the town of New Brunswick, in the state of New Jersey, has, by petition of [sic] [to] this house set forth that by long study and frequent as well as expensive experiments [sic] [he has] discovered a method hitherto unpracticed and unknown of making an oil commonly known by the name of Currier's Oil and Blubber from certain materials found within these United States, or parts thereof, and has prayed us to grant to him an exclusive right for the term of five years of making and manufacturing oil and blubber from the materials by him so discovered:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the time at which the aforesaid Henry Guest shall erect a manufactory in this state, and produce oil and blubber therein for sale from the materials he has discovered, provided the same be done within the space of eight months from the time of passing this act, that he shall be and he is hereby invested, as a reward for his discovery and for the purpose of promoting useful manufactories in this state, with the sole and exclusive right, for the term of five years, of manufacturing oil and blubber from the materials he has discovered.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons within this state shall, during the aforesaid term of five years, make use of the same kind of materials for the purpose of manufacturing any oil or blubber for sale, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Henry Guest, his heirs, executors or administrators, to sue for and recover for his, her or their use one-half the value of all the oil and blubber made for sale by such person or persons in the manufacturing or making of which he, she or they

shall make use of any of the materials by him discovered and used in the manufacturing of oil and blubber as aforesaid.

(Section V, P. L.) And in order to prevent any disputes or uncertainties arising as to the identity of the materials discovered and used in the making of oil and blubber by the aforesaid Henry Guest, be it known and it is hereby declared that before the passing of this act he, the said Henry Guest, hath lodged in the clerk's office of this House, sealed up and endorsed by himself and the clerk, a particular account and description of the materials by him invented or discovered for the purpose of making therefrom oil and blubber.

[Section III.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before or as soon as he, the said Henry Guest begins to manufacture the aforesaid oil and blubber in this state he shall put up in his said manufactory or manufactories a printed account in English and German of the said materials by him discovered or invented and used in the making oil and blubber, subject to the inspection of all persons, in order that no person may unknowingly offend and that all after the expiration of the term of five years may be enabled to prosecute the said manufactures to their own advantage.

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## CHAPTER DCCCXCIX.

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AN ACT FOR THE EFFECTUAL RECOVERING AND SECURING THE FINES, FORFEITURES AND OTHER MONEYS, DUE OR BELONGING TO THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE USE OF THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) To the end that all fines, forfeitures, issues, amerciements, fees and moneys which, by the constitution and laws were designed and ought to be applied towards defraying the necessary charges of supporting government and the ad-