

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the fifth section of the above-recited act as imposes a fine of five shillings per day on bolters and millers for the neglect therein mentioned, and the clauses of forfeiture mentioned in the sixth section, and that part of the eleventh section which enjoins the branding casks with the arms of the state shall be and they hereby are altered and repealed.

Passed December 23, 1781. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed April 5, 1781, Chapter 934.

CHAPTER CMLIX.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REPAIRING AND AMENDING THE BANKS, DAMS, DITCHES, SLUICES AND FLOODGATES ON STATE-ISLAND.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas numbers of the owners of the lands and meadows on the State island (late the Province island) by their petition have prayed that a law may be passed to compel the several owners of the said island to contribute to the support and repairs of the banks, dams, ditches, sluices and floodgates thereon, suggesting that the same are much out of repair for want of some provision being made by a law for this purpose, which being right and reasonable:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 William Bingham, Elijah Weed, Charles Miller, William Turnbull and John Taylor, or any three of them, be and they are hereby constituted, authorized and appointed to be managers of the said island, and John Wilcocks, treasurer, to be, remain and continue until the second Monday in January next; and that on the said second Monday in January next, and on the second Monday of January in every year forever, the owners of the said island, or as many of them as shall think fit to attend, by

themselves or their representatives, shall meet together at the Coffee House, in the city of Philadelphia, or at such other convenient place as shall hereafter be appointed by the managers for the time being, or a majority of them, and then and there elect, by ballot, five managers and a treasurer for the ensuing year.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers, or any three of them, shall, from time to time, do, or cause to be done, all and every the repairs to the said banks, dams, ditches, sluices and floodgates, and open and make new ones where it may be needful: Provided always, That no new works, banks, dams, ditches, sluices or floodgates be made by the said managers, or any of them, without the approbation of at least three of the said managers, who shall be authorized to undertake such new work only in case it shall be their opinion that the same will be for the common benefit and advantage of the owners of the said meadows; and that the said managers be authorized and empowered to assess on all and every the owners of the meadows on the said island, which are liable to be overflowed for want of such necessary work or repairs, in proportion to the quantity of such meadows which respectively belong to each owner, such sum or sums of money as the said managers, or a majority of them, shall from time to time deem necessary for the benefit and security of the same.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any owner or owners of any such meadows shall neglect or refuse, by the space of ten days after notice shall be given to him or them of such money or moneys being so assessed, for his proportion of the sum at any time to be raised to pay his or their said proportion of the same moneys to the treasurer for the time being, it shall and may be lawful for the said treasurer, by order of the said managers, or a majority of them, either to levy distress on the goods and effects of the said several owners, or their tenants, found on the said island, and to proceed therein in like manner as in the case distresses for rents; or to sue, commence and prosecute an action or actions of debt for the same in any court

in which debts to the like amount are cognizable, and to recover the same, with costs, in his name as treasurer aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the style of the said managers shall be "The managers of State island," and the style of the said treasurer shall be "The treasurer of State island," and that by such style and name they shall be called and known in all judicial proceedings. And also that the said managers shall be empowered to require and take such security from the said treasurer as to them, or a majority of them, shall seem needful for the faithful discharge of his trust; and that the said treasurer shall pay the moneys to the order of the said managers whilst he continues in office, and, as soon as a successor shall be chosen, shall pay over the balance remaining in his hands to such successor; and that if he neglect so to do by the space of five days after he shall be thereunto required by the managers, or a majority of them, he shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered by his successor, to the use of the said owners, over and besides the balance so remaining due.

Passed March 18, 1782. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 467, etc. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed February 28, 1780, Chapter 878.

CHAPTER CMLX.

AN ACT FOR PREVENTING AND PUNISHING THE COUNTERFEITING OF THE COMMON SEAL, BANK BILLS AND BANK NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTORS AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it is necessary to take effectual measures for preventing and punishing frauds and cheats which may be put upon the president, directors and company of the bank of North America by altering, forging or counterfeiting the common seal and the bank bills and bank notes of the said president, directors and company: