

CHAPTER LXIX.

AN ACT

To repeal an act entitled "An act to amend the penal laws."

Former act repealed. Larceny of promisory notes to be punished as larceny of goods and chattels.

SECT. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That an act entitled "An act to amend the penal laws," passed the thirtieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that the robbery or larceny of any promisory note or notes, for the payment of money, shall be punished in the same manner as the robbery or larceny of any goods or chattels.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXX.

AN ACT

For the better regulation of cord wood and bark exposed to sale within the city and county of Philadelphia.

Cord of wood to contain 128 cubic feet.

SECT. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the standard dimensions of a cord of wood or bark for fuel, exposed to sale within the city and county of Philadelphia, shall be eight feet in length, four feet in breadth, and four feet in height, containing one hundred and twenty-eight feet, solid measure; but if it shall so happen, before the first day of September next, that any wood brought to market shall be under the average length of four feet, including one half the kerf, the deficiency shall be made up in the breadth or height.

SECT. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of September next, all

cord wood brought to market within the city and county of Philadelphia, shall be at least four feet in length, including one half the kerf. and the cord shall be computed at the rate of eight feet in length, four feet in breadth and four feet in height, well stowed and packed, the straight wood shall be placed or caused to be placed by all venders of cord wood compactly in the lower part of the pile, and the crooked wood in the upper part thereof, and a reasonable and fair allowance shall be made by all corders or venders of wood for the loss sustained by crooked and uneven wood; nor shall any corder of wood purchase any wood for the purpose of selling the same again, by which sale he may derive a compensation or profit, and the same is hereby declared to be unlawful.

Directing the manner of cording wood.

Corders not to purchase wood for sale.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first day of September next, if any person shall expose to sale within the city and county of Philadelphia, any wood less than four feet in length, it shall be liable to be seized by any corder of wood and forfeited, one half to the use of the said corder, and the other to the guardians of the poor of the city, district or township in which it shall be seized; but in case the person exposing the wood for sale, shall deem himself aggrieved thereby, he may appeal to any alderman or justice of the peace of the city, district or township in which the seizure is made, who shall hear, try and determine the same: and if any person shall, within the said limits, sell as a cord of wood or bark, for fuel, any quantity less than the standard measure prescribed by this act, unless the same shall have been previously measured by a corder, and is sold without any change since such measurement, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars; and if any corder shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties enjoined on him by this act, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars; and if any corder shall purchase any wood for the purpose of selling it again, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, which several penalties and forfeitures may be recovered as debts of a similar amount are by law recoverable before any alderman or justice of the peace within the city, district or township in which the offence shall have been committed, and shall be one half for the use of the person prosecuting for them, and the other for the guardians of the poor of the said city, district and township.

Penalty for exposing wood after certain time for sale, not of sufficient length. How fines to be appropriated. Of appeals.

Wood or bark not to be sold without being measured. Penalty.

How recovered, and appropriated.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives;*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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