

CHAPTER XXIV.

AN ACT

To encourage the apprehension of persons who shall have committed the crime of horse stealing.

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 whosoever after the passing of this act, shall pursue and apprehend any person who shall have stolen any mare, horse or gelding within the counties of Chester, Delaware and Bucks, on the conviction of the person so apprehended, shall be entitled to the reward of twenty dollars for apprehending the person who shall have been convicted of stealing any mare, horse or gelding as aforesaid, and six cents for every mile necessarily travelled in pursuit of the offender: *Provided,* That the reward offered by this act shall in no wise exclude the person or persons entitled to such reward from being competent witnesses.

Twenty dollars reward for any person apprehending a horse thief, and six cents per mile.
 Proviso.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the court within either of the counties aforesaid, before which any person or persons are convicted of the crime of horse stealing, to inquire whether any, and if any, who is the person or persons entitled to receive the above rewards, and if more than one person, then in what proportion the said sum or sums ought to be paid to them, and to direct the clerk of said court to certify the same with the name or names of the claimants to the commissioners of the county or counties aforesaid, in which the owner of the horse, mare or gelding resides, who are hereby directed and enjoined to draw their warrant on the treasurer of said county in favor of the said claimant or claimants for the amount so certified, all which shall be done free of all costs and charges to the said claimant or claimants, under the provisions of this act.

Court to distribute the reward.
 Reward paid by the county.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.