

CHAPTER CCCLXXXVIII.

1750.

An ACT for the more effectual preventing accidents which may happen by fire, and for suppressing idleness, drunkenness, and other debaucheries. (r)

TO the end the provisions already made by our laws, for preventing accidents which may happen by fire in the city of Philadelphia, and several other boroughs and towns, within this province, may be made more generally useful, and to prevent, as much as in us lies, the growing sins of idleness, drunkenness, and other debaucheries, too frequent among us, *Be it enacted*, That if any person or persons whatsoever, within any county town, or within any other town or borough, in this province, already built and settled, or hereafter to be built and settled, not hitherto restricted nor provided for by our laws, shall set on fire their chimnies to cleanse them, or shall suffer them or any of them to take fire, and blaze out at the top, or shall fire any gun or other fire-arm, or shall make, or cause to be made, or sell or utter, or offer to expose to sale, any squibs, rockets or other fire-works, or shall cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets or other fire-works, within any of the said towns or boroughs, without the Governor's special licence for the same, every such person or persons, so offending, shall be subject to the like penalties and forfeitures, and to be recovered in like manner, as in and by an act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of King George the first, entitled, *An act for preventing accidents that may happen by fire*, are directed to be levied and recovered. (s)

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(r) For a general reference to the acts for preventing accidents by fire, see ante. chap. 245. (Note to former edition.)

(s) This section as far as it relates to firing chimnies, is repealed and supplied, chap. 1307.

The remaining sections of this act, prohibiting horse-races, shooting matches, &c. have been superseded and supplied by the act for the suppression of vice and immorality, chap. 1747. (Note to former edition.)

CHAPTER CCCXC.

An ACT to encourage the establishing of an Hospital, for the relief of the sick poor of this province, and for the reception and cure of lunaticks.

WHEREAS the saving and restoring useful and laborious members to a community is a work of public service, and the relief of the sick poor is not only an act of humanity, but a religious duty: And whereas there are frequently in many parts of this province poor distempered persons, who languish long in pain and misery, under various disorders of body and mind, and being scattered abroad in different and very distant habitations, cannot have the benefit of regular advice, attendance, lodging, diet and medicines, but at a great expense, and therefore often suffer for want thereof: which inconveniency might be happily removed by collecting the

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against firing
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guns, fire-
works, &c.
extended.