
 SESSION OF OCTOBER 1683

Laws made Att an Assembly Held att Philadelphia the 27th day of the Eight Month October 1683

P.H.M.C., Archives, RG-26, Law Book, 1682-1690 (Patrick Robinson's Book), p. 62-68. H.S.P., Laws of Pa. 1682-1688.

The Proprietary & Governor & free-men in Provincial-Council assembled, having Seriously weighed the present Requisites of the government, They have prepared & published diverse Bills, according to Charter, for the notice & Convenience of the free-men in Assembly to meet the 24th of the next month in the City of philadelphia, in the form & Stile of Laws, then & there to be Confirmed, Amended or Rejected, as the Generall-Assembly Shall in their Wisdom See meet.

 CHAPTER 143.

LAW PROTECTING REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUIT.

Chap: 143 And to the End that the Members of Provincial-Council assembly, & Courts of Justice in this Province & territories may not be interrupted in the performance of their duty to the publick, And that they may be respected & distinguished according to their Respective Stations . . . And yet that their Employment may not protect them from the Reatch of justice . . .

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That in Case any difference or Caus of action Shall at any time aryse between any member of Provinciall-Council, Assembly or Courts of justice & another person . . . Every such person may enter his or her action against any Such member, & Send unto him a Copy of his or her declaration according to Law: And in Case the Said Member shall not answer at or befor the 3d Court-following, That then Judgment shall pass against him by default with Costs & Charges to be executed according to Law.

Provided allways that this Law shall not extend to any member of Provincial-Council or assembly, during their attendance & Service in Provincial-Council & assembly & 4 days befor & 14 days after their Said Service and attendance therein.

Repealed by chapter 155, 1684.

CHAPTER 144.

LAW ABOUT PRODUCE FOR PAY.

Chap: 144 Wheras there is a Necessity for the Sake of Commerce in this infancy of things That the growth and produce of this Province & territories thereof, Shall pass in Lieu of Mony Be it &c: That all marchantable Wheat Rye, Indian-Corn, Barley, Oats, Pork, Beef Tobacco Shall be accompted Current pay at the Market-price, in every respective County of this Province & territories thereof.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; and chapter 186, 1688. Chapter 191, 1690 included in among the laws to be continued to the end of the next General Assembly and twenty days after and no longer. Abrogated in 1693. Replaced by chapter 97, 1693.

CHAPTER 145.

LAW ABOUT LEGAL FORMS.

Chap: 145 To the End that plainnes & Brevity may be used, for the ease, benefit & Security both of the publick and privat, Be it &c: That all Warrants & Summonses, Arrests, Attachments Replevins, Bills Single and Obligatorie, made according to the following Draughts, Shall be held Legall and Authentick, to all intents and purposes, within this Province and territories therof

Draughts of a Bill Single & obligatory.

Know all men by these presents That I A B of &c: Carpenter doo Owe and am indebted unto D E of &c husband man in the Sum of ten pounds five Shillings to be paid to the Said D E his executors, Administrators or Assigns at or befor the &c day of &c next ensuing the date