
OTHER LAWS OF 1693

CHAPTER 87.

THE LAW FOR THE ERECTING A POST OFFICE.

To the End that Mutuall Correspondencies may be maintained and that Letters may be speedily & Safely dispatched from place to place Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that a Generall Post Office may be Erected by Andrew Hamilton Esq. at Philadelphia from whence all Letters & Packets may be with all Expedition Sent into any of these parts of New England & other the adjacent Colonies in these parts of America att which said Office all Returns & answers may be Received And Be it Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it Shalbe Lawfull for the Said Andrew Hamilton or some other as shalbe appointed by the King to be the Post master Generall in these parts & his Deputy or Deputys in that Office to demand receive & take for the postage of all such Letters So by him Conveyed or sent post as aforesaid according to the Several Rates hereafter mentioned & not Exceed the Severall rates hereafter exprest.

All Forreigne Letters from Europe the West Indies or any parts beyond the seas two pence Each Single Letter which is to be accounted such although it Containe Bills of Loading Invoyses Gazetts &c. & for Each packett of letters Fower pence & if Letters or packetts lye at the Office uncalled for the Space of fourty Eight Hours the Post Master then Sending them forth to the Respective Houses of the persons to whome they are Directed one penny more for Every Such Letter or Packett

And for all Forreigne Letters outward bound that Shal be dillivered into the post Office two pence Each Letter or Packett The Port of inland Letters to or from New Yorke to Philadelphia fower pence halfe penny to or from Philadelphia to Conneticot nine pence to & from Philadelphia to Road iland twelve pence to & from Philadelphia to Boston fiveteen pence to & from Philadelphia to the Eastern parts of New

England beyond Boston nineteen pence to & from Philadelphia to Lewis Maryland & Virginia nine pence to & from Every place within Eighty miles of Philadelphia fower pence halfe penny

All Letters belonging to the Publick to be Received & dispatched free of all Charges & that the post pass Ferriage free at all Ferrys within this Province Town of New Castle & Countrey Depending—

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 5.
H.S.P., Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1693, chapter 2.
Presented to Lords of Committee of Trades and Plantations, July 25-August 3, 1694. Not presented to Her Majesty pending further consideration by Pennsylvania General Assembly. See chapter 128, 1697 and Vol. II St.L. 57, ch. L.

CHAPTER 88.

THE LAW ABOUT APPEALS TO THE PROVINCIALL COURTS.

Be it Enacted by Benjamin Fletcher Captain General & Governor in Cheif of the Province of Pensilvania & Country of New Castle And the Territorys & Tracts of Land depending thereon in America by & with the advise & Consent of the Council & Representatives of the said province & Countryes in Generall Assembly Met and by the authority of the same That all Tryalls of titles for Land, all actions of dept. account or Slander actions personall and all actions Civill & Crimenall whatsoever (Excepting treson Murder Manslaughter Rape Sodomy Buggerie Burglarie & Burning of houses) shall be first heard & tried in the proper County Courts by the Respective Justices which County Courts shall be Kept & held quarterly in Every County of this province and Countys anexed, & oftener if occasion be, which County Courts Shall be Courts of Equity for the hearing & Decreeing all matters & Causes Cognizable in the said Courts under the vallew of ten pounds, & in Case either Plaintiff or Defendant shall apprehend themselves agreeved with the verdict of the Jury, or Judgment of the Court, they may appeale to have the Cause of Complaint heard over & Determined by the then next provinciall Court, to be held for the said County, which said Appeale Shall be graunted provided that the Dept or Damage in the said Judgment be ten pounds or upwards, the appellat giving