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CHAPTER 139.

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THE LAW TO ENCOURAGE BRINGING IN OF MONEY TO PROMOTE TRADE & MAKE PAYMENTS MORE EASY WITHIN THIS PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES.

Be it Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that from & After the Publication hereof all Peru peices of Eight not less than Twelve penny weight & Lyon Or Dog Dollars shall pass at Six Shillings, & all Other peices of eight and Dollars Fifteen penny weight shall pass for Seven Shillings, And for Every penny Weight Above shall be Advanced Four Pence and for Every penny Weight Under shall be Abated four Pence, and half pieces shall pass Proportionally, all Double bitts at Twenty Pence, all Single bitts at Ten pence, And half bitts at Five pence, Any Law to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Be it Further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any Person or Persons within this Province & Territories shall for Lucre sake Clip, Wash, Round, or File Or by anywayes or Means Whatsoever Impair, Diminish, or Falsify any Of the Money, or Coyne Allowed to be Current here, Such Person or Persons So Offending, Together with his or their accessaries, aiders & abettors, being duly Convicted thereof, Shall forfeit One Hundred Pounds, and shall Suffer Close Imprisonment One whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize, Which Said fine shall go, One Third part to the Governor for the Time being, One Third part to the Informer And the Remainder to the Publick Use of the County, Where such Offence shall be Committed.

And If any Person or Persons within this Government shall after Publication hereof Utter or pay any Lead or Pewter farthings or half Pence; or any Brass or Copper Farthings or half pence Not of the Kings Coin, But put out by Private Persons, & be duly Convicted thereof, before one or more Justices of the Peace, By Proof of one or more Wittnesses, Shall pay Five Shillings for Every Such Offence, for the Use of the Poor.

And that the first putters out of the said Brass or Copper Farthings or half pence as aforesaid, their Executors or Administrators, Shall be

Obliged to make Satisfaction, for the Same, to all such as shall return them within Six Months after Publication hereof.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 133.  
H.S.P. Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1698, chapter 5. See  
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CHAPTER 140.

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THE LAW FOR REGULATING STREETS & WATER COURSES IN THE CITIES &  
TOWNS OF THIS GOVERNMENT.

Whereas by the Frame of this Government, It is amongst other things Enacted, That the Governor & Council for the Time being, shall at all times Settle & Order the Situation of all Cities & Market Towns, Modelling therein all Publick buildings, Streets & market places, And Shall Appoint all Publick Landing places of the Towns of this Province & Territories Now that the True End & Intent of the said Act may be Answered, And in as much as the Ornament of Townes and Conveniency of the Inhabitants, So much depend upon the well regulating of Streets & Landing places, & that the Same Landings, Streets & Water Courses therein may be Effectually Regulated & Repaired

Be It Enacted by the authority aforesaid That the Governor with four of the Council from time to time shall Nominate & Appoint Such & So many as they shall think Needful of the Substantial Inhabitants of the said Towns Respectively when there may be Occassion to Regulate the said Streets & Water Courses & to order the Pitching, Paving & Graveling thereof as also the Clearing of Docks where such may be & Repairing Landing places and Bridges in the said Towns, which persons so Appointed or the Major part of them are hereby Impowered to agree with & Employ Work men for performing the Same from time to time

And as Concerning the Charge of Pitching or Paving, Gravelling and Regulation of the said Streets, & Scowring or Clearing the Docks, Each Inhabitant concerned Shall pay Towards the Same In proportion to the Number of feet of his or their Lotts or Lands Adjoining on Each or Either side of the Said Streets, or Docks