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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
Vol. II St.L. 276, ch. CLXII.

CHAPTER 140.

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

And as to the Charge of repairing Landing places, Bridges, making Common Shores & Paving or Pitching, gravelling & Regulating any part of the Streets or Scowring or Clearing any part of the Docks not belonging to the private Inhabitants but to the Publick, Each Inhabitant in the Respective Town shall pay there proportional rates According to their Estates in Each Town.

And for the Defraying of all which Charges aforesaid It shall & may be Lawful to & for the said persons so to be Appointed as Aforesaid or the Major part of them with the Advice & Assistance of the Justices of the Respective Counties or at Least Two of them who reside in or Near the Said Respective Towns, where & as Often as Occassion shall require to Calculate And Compute the Said Charge, & there Upon with the Assent of the Governor & four of the Council Equally to Lay rates or Assessments for Levying the Same upon the Inhabitants of their Towns or Cities Respectively, And the Same being So rated the said Assessors shall forth with Appoint Collectors & Receivers thereof

And in Case of non payment of any Summ or Summs of money by Virtue of this Act to be Levied, It shall be Lawful for Any Such Collector by Virtue of a Warrant Under the hand & Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the County where such Non payment is or shall be (who is Virtue of this Act are Required & Authorized to Grant Such Warrants) to Levy the Same by distress & Sale of Such Person or Persons goods or Other Estate, Returning the Overplus if any be, to the Owners After Such Summ Assessed or Distrained for, with All Charges are Deducted.

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 135.
H.S.P. Cadwalader Collection. Act of May 31, 1698, chapter 6. See
Vol. II St.L. 65, ch. LIII.