

CHAPTER CXII.

AN ACT FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS.

Whereas it manifestly appears by the innumerable quantities of blackbirds and crows that continually haunt in this province and territories, to the great prejudice, hurt and annoyance of the inhabitants thereof, being very destructive to all sorts of corn and grain that is [sic] raised therein, so that people's labor is much destroyed thereby, and that the people may for the future be the better encouraged in their labor and industry, by destroying of such birds, thereby to hinder their great increase:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall at any time hereafter kill either blackbirds or crows shall, for all such blackbirds that he or they shall so kill, have three pence the dozen; and for every crow three pence.

Provided, That such person or persons do and shall bring the heads of all such blackbirds or crows to such person or persons as shall, by the respective county courts in each county within this province and territories, be appointed to receive and take an account of the same; which said county courts are hereby empowered and required yearly to appoint, from time to time, as many persons as they think convenient for that service. And that such person or persons who shall be appointed to receive and take an account of all such blackbirds and crows as aforesaid, shall have and receive for the same after the rate of ten per cent. All which said sum or sums of money, as the same shall amount unto, shall be defrayed and paid out of the public stock; to be levied and raised in such manner and form in each county as other public charges of this government are used to be raised and discharged.

Provided, That all and every such person and persons who are so appointed to receive and take account of the heads of all

such blackbirds and crows that shall be brought to them by the inhabitants as aforesaid, be attested to the faithful discharge of their duty therein, and to keep an exact account thereof which account shall be deemed good and effectual. And that such persons shall yearly bring in their accounts to the court and grand jury at such times as is by law appointed for calculating the public charges of the county.

Passed October 28, 1701; allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6, and not acted upon. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Act of Assembly, passed March 20, 1724-5, Chapter 284; repealed by the Act of Assembly, passed March 20, 1810, P. L. 188.

CHAPTER CXIII.

AN ACT FOR THE SALE OF THE COURT-HOUSE AND PRISON IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.

Whereas the grand jury of the said county have petitioned that a law might be made for the selling of the court-house and prison lately ruined by fire, and the lot thereunto belonging being too strait for such a public building:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That any four justices of the peace of the said county of Chester for the time being (the first in commission being one) shall and are hereby enabled and empowered by their deed or deeds, under their hands and the seal of the said county, to sell, make over and convey the court-house and prison with the land thereunto belonging, in the town of Chester, in the county aforesaid, to such person or persons as the said justices shall see meet (and the value or price thereof shall be paid into the public stock of the said county for the use of the same as the law directs, and to no other use whatso-