

CHAPTER CCXXX.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING A FERRY TO THE LANDING AT OR NEAR THE LAND OF DANIEL COOPER, DECEASED, AND ALSO TO GLOUCESTER, IN THE WESTERN DIVISION OF NEW JERSEY.

Whereas Armstrong Smith, of Philadelphia, shipwright, by his humble petition hath earnestly desired that the ferry intended from Philadelphia to the said landing late of Daniel Cooper, and also to Gloucester in the western division of New Jersey, may by authority of law be vested in him, he promising to provide proper and substantial ferry boats and flats, or other vessels for that purpose, and also to give all due attendance and dispatch to passengers and their goods, at such moderate rates and prices as shall be thought equitable:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted, by William Keith, Esquire, by and with the King's royal approbation Deputy-Lieutenant and Governor under William Penn, Esquire, Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the landing place at or near the High street in Philadelphia shall be a ferry for passengers and goods from the same to the landing place late of Daniel Cooper, in New Jersey; and also that the landing place where the said Armstrong Smith now dwells, adjoining to the town bounds of Philadelphia, shall be a ferry to Gloucester, for the purposes aforesaid.

And that the said Armstrong Smith, his executors, administrators and assigns, shall at his and their own proper costs and charges, complete and finish a convenient causeway and landing place at the said ferry, and shall keep the same in good and sufficient repair. And also shall from time to time find and provide substantial boats or flats, with able and sufficient hands, who shall give due and constant attendance at the said ferries respectively.

And for the encouragement of the said Armstrong Smith to support and maintain the said ferries, the said Armstrong Smith, his executors, administrators and assigns, shall from and after such proper boats or flats are provided, which he is hereby required to provide and get ready before the first day of May next after the publication of this act, receive and take, for and during the term of seven years then next ensuing, for the passage and ferriage over the said river Delaware, to the said landing place near the said Daniel Cooper's, deceased, and to Gloucester aforesaid, from all persons whatsoever (the governor-in-chief and the lieutenant-governor and their attendants excepted) the respective rates and prices following: (That is to say)—

To the landing near Daniel Cooper's:

For every single foot passenger,	six pence.
But if three or more men together, each	four pence.
For every single horse and rider,	one shilling and six pence.
And if three or more men and horses together, each	one shilling.
For every single ox, cow or heifer, one shilling and six pence.	
If three or more oxen, cows or heifers together, each	one shilling
For every single hog,	six pence.
If three or more hogs together, each	four pence.
For every single sheep,	six pence.
If three or more sheep together, each	four pence.

To Gloucester:

For every single foot passenger,	one shilling.
But if three or more men together, each	nine pence.
For every single horse and rider,	two shillings.
If three or more men and horses together, each	one shilling and six pence.
For every single ox, cow or heifer,	two shillings.
If three or more oxen, cows, or heifers together, each	one shilling and six pence.
For every single hog,	one shilling.
If three or more hogs together, each,	nine pence.
For every single sheep,	one shilling.
If three or more sheep together, each	nine pence.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the better encouragement of the said Armstrong Smith, his executors, administrators and assigns, to make good the said landing place, and keep good boats, flats and attendance at the said ferry for and during the said term of seven years, no other person or persons whatsoever shall presume to erect or keep any boat, flat or canoe within the space of two miles above or below the said ferry, for the carrying of any passengers, horses, cattle, hogs or sheep for any hire, wages or reward whatsoever, over the said river Delaware, from this province to the western division of New Jersey, under the penalty of the forfeiture of five pounds for every such offense, one moiety thereof to the governor for the support of this government, and the other moiety to the said Armstrong Smith, or his assigns, who shall sue for the same, by bill, plaint or information in any court of record in this province, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law or more than one imparlance shall be allowed.

[Section III.] Provided nevertheless, That if the said Armstrong Smith, his executors, administrators or assigns shall neglect to provide and get ready good and sufficient boats and flats for the said ferries within the time hereinbefore limited and appointed, or shall not, from time to time, during the said term maintain and keep the causeway or landing place at the said ferry, near his house, in good [and] sufficient repair, or if he and they shall not find, provide and keep at all times during the said term, good and substantial boats and flats, with able and sufficient hands for the managing of them, or if he or they shall not give due [and constant] attendance on the services aforesaid, or if he or they shall demand, exact or take any greater or other rates than is hereinbefore limited and appointed, he or they so offending in the said articles, or any one of them, shall for the first offense forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds, one moiety to the governor, for support of government, and the other moiety to the party grieved, or other person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid; and for the second offense the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid; and for the third offense, to be removed or

displaced by the county court, or other court of record, where he shall be convicted of any of the offenses mentioned in this act. And in such case the justices of the said county court, or other court of record where he shall be convicted as aforesaid, shall appoint another person to keep the said ferry under the same restrictions and limitations as herein is prescribed and directed.

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CHAPTER CCXXXI.

AN ACT FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL RAISING [OF] COUNTY RATES AND LEVIES.

Whereas divers laws have been made in this province for raising county levies, which do not in all respects prove effectual to answer the service thereby intended, therefore may it please the governor that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by William Keith, Esquire, by and with the King's royal approbation Deputy-Lieutenant and Governor under William Penn, Esquire, Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from henceforth the freeholders and inhabitants of the respective counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks, in the said province, who are enabled and qualified by law to elect or be elected, members of assembly, at the time and place appointed, or to be appointed for electing the representatives to serve in assembly, or the day following, unless it happen on the first day of the week, called Sunday, and then on the next day next after, shall choose six of the inhabitants and freeholders of each county to be assessors thereof, for that year; and when