

At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1717, and continued by adjournments until the twenty-second day of February next ensuing, and from thence until the thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1718, the following acts were passed:

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CHAPTER CCXXXII.

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AN ACT TO SUPPLY SOME OMISSIONS IN A LAW PASSED AT THE LAST SESSIONS OF ASSEMBLY HELD FOR THIS PROVINCE, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RAISING A DUTY UPON TONNAGE OF SHIPS AND VESSELS." <sup>1</sup>

Whereas the said act requires several things to be performed by a collector, but no person being particularly named to officiate as such, the governor was pleased to commissionate Owen Roberts, of Philadelphia, gentleman, to put the said act in execution, being the same person which the assembly intended to nominate for that service. But inasmuch as the said nomination was omitted in the said act, and no provision made to ascertain what reward the collector should receive for putting the same act in execution,

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, &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 said Owen Roberts shall be and is hereby appointed collector of the said duties and sums of

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<sup>1</sup> Passed February 22, 1717-18, Chapter 228.

money due and payable for the tonnage of all ships, sloops and other vessels chargeable by the said act, for and during the continuance thereof, and receiver of all the fines, forfeitures and penalties therein appointed to be set, imposed and levied, which said collector is hereby empowered and required to demand, collect, receive and recover the said duties and sums of money due and to become due and payable according to the true intent and meaning of the said act; and to do all such other matters and things as the collector is thereby required and directed to do and perform under the penalty of five hundred pounds current money of America, to be recovered by the treasurer for the time being, in any court of record in this province, by bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, nor more than one imparlance shall be allowed. Which said penalty when recovered and all other penalties to be recovered by this and the said recited act shall be paid unto the treasurer of this province, for the time being, and shall go towards the support of this government.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said collector shall once in six weeks or oftener if thereunto required, during the continuance of the said act of tonnage, pay unto the provincial treasurer for the time being, such sums of money as he did or shall receive by virtue of the said act, but shall deduct out of the same, for his own use, one penny in the shilling.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted, That the above recited act for raising the said duty upon tonnage, and all the powers, provisions, penalties, causes, matters and things therein contained, together with this present act, shall continue and be in force for and during the term of three years from the publication of the said recited act, and no longer.

Passed May 31, 1718. Apparently never submitted to the consideration of the Crown. See Appendix IV, Section II, and the Act of Assembly passed February 22, 1717-18, Chapter 228, and the note thereto.