

CHAPTER CCCXXVIII.

AN ACT FOR REPEALING AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR CONTINUING THE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR RAISING GOOD HEMP WITHIN THIS PROVINCE," &c.¹

Whereas by an act of assembly passed in the third year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled "An act for continuing the encouragement for raising good hemp within this province," &c., it was, amongst other things therein contained, enacted that there should be paid out of the public revenue of this province by the officer therein appointed the sum of one penny halfpenny for every pound of good, sound, well-ordered and merchantable water-rated [sic] hemp raised within this province from and after the time of the publication of the said act until the first day of May, which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

And whereas it hath on experience been found that the price to be had for the commodity aforesaid is a sufficient encouragement for the raising thereof without the payment of so large a bounty, and that by reason of the large quantities of hemp likely to be raised within this province the continuance of so considerable a premium would prove too great a burden for the inhabitants to bear:

Therefore may it please the governor that it may be enacted, and

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable Patrick Gordon, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by authority of the same, That the bounty aforesaid shall only be paid for such good, sound, well-ordered and merchantable water-rated hemp raised within this province which shall be imported in the city of Philadelphia pursuant to the

¹ Passed February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 316.

tenor of the act aforesaid on or before the first day of July next ensuing, and that from and after the time last aforesaid the premium aforesaid shall cease to be paid. And the act of assembly aforesaid and every clause, part and paragraph thereof shall be void and of no effect, anything therein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Passed January 10, 1731-32. Apparently never considered by the Crown, but allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Volume III, Appendix V, Section I.