

CHAPTER CCCXLVII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR IMPOSING A DUTY ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF HEINOUS CRIMES AND TO PREVENT POOR AND IMPOTENT PERSONS BEING IMPORTED INTO THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas by an act of the general assembly of this province passed in the third year of the reign of our sovereign, George the Second, entitled "An act for imposing a duty on persons convicted of heinous crimes and to prevent poor and impotent persons being imported into this province,"¹ Charles Read, late of Philadelphia, merchant, was appointed collector of the duties by the said act imposed, who is since deceased. And forasmuch as the circumstances of the province require the said act should be put in execution, and no provision being therein made for appointing another officer instead of the said Charles Read:

Therefore, for remedying that defect:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable George Thomas, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and [consent of the repre]sentatives of the freemen of [the] said Province in General Assembly met, That Thomas Glentworth, of Philadelphia, be and he is hereby nominated and declared to be collector of the duties imposed by the before-mentioned act, and for the doing and performing all other matters and things appertaining to the said office by virtue of the said act as fully, amply and largely to all intents and purposes as the said Charles Read in his lifetime was empowered to do or could or might have done and as fully as if the said Thomas Glentworth had been expressly named and appointed collector of the duties aforesaid in the body of the said act; he the said Thomas Glentworth before entering upon the execution of his office first taking an oath or affirmation before one of the justices of the peace of the county aforesaid (which the said justice, on application to him made by the said

¹ Passed February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 314.

Thomas Glentworth, is hereby authorized and enjoined to administer) for the faithful and impartial discharge of the trust by virtue of this act committed to him according to the best of his skill and knowledge.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted, That if the aforesaid Thomas Glentworth shall by any accident be rendered incapable or neglect to execute the said office, or shall misbehave himself therein or shall happen to die, that then and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the mayor, recorder and aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, or the majority of them to supply his or their place by some other fit and capable person, who shall thereupon be the officer for putting the act aforesaid in execution until the assembly shall appoint another.

Provided always, That before the said officers or either of them shall do anything in execution of their said office, they shall each of them respectively take an oath or affirmation in manner aforesaid faithfully and impartially to perform the duty and trust committed to them, to the best of their skill and capacity, according [to the direction of the] act aforesaid.

Passed September 2, 1738. See Appendix XIII, Section I, and note to the Act of Assembly passed February 14, 1729-30. The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed February 3, 1742-43, Chapter 354, which latter act was repealed by the King in Council, December 17, 1746.