

CHAPTER CCCCXXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR REGULATING THE HIRE OF CARRIAGES TO BE EMPLOYED IN HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE."

Whereas by an act passed by this assembly in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for regulating the hire of carriages to be employed in His Majesty's service,"¹ it was amongst other things enacted that to prevent exorbitant demands for the hire of horses and wagons to be employed in His Majesty's service, every owner or owners of every carriage and four horses with a driver employed in the present expedition against His Majesty's enemies to the westward of this province should be paid by the officer demanding the same the sum of fifteen shillings *per diem* for every day he should be so employed until he should return to his habitation, and the driver and horses should be maintained and supported at the charge of the Crown:

But forasmuch as the difficulties which have arisen in procuring a sufficient quantity of oats, straw, hay and other provision for the horses belonging to such carts and wagons as have been hitherto employed in the said expedition beyond the inhabited parts of this province have rendered many of the horses employed therein unable to perform the service, by which and other means the army on our western frontiers under the command of General Forbes appears to be in want of a further supply of provisions to be transported from the interior parts of this province to Raystown, for remedying whereof and for the more effectual and speedy procuring a sufficient number of carriages for the transporting thereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprie-

¹ Passed April 8, 1758, Chapter 429.

taries of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the publication of this act all carriages and horses wanted for His Majesty's use to be employed in the said expedition shall be procured in the same manner and on the same terms as other the carriages and horses are directed to be procured by the act hereinbefore-mentioned until they shall arrive at their respective places of loading and shall receive their loads; and the owner or owners of every such carriage or carriages shall be paid by the officer demanding the same the sum of two and twenty shillings for every hundred-weight which shall be carried or transported from the town of Lancaster to Raystown, and so from any other place or places between Lancaster and Raystown in proportion to the respective distances except the weight of the provisions for the maintenance of the horses hereinafter provided, anything herein or in any act of this province to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided nevertheless, That each load shall amount at least to fourteen hundredweight for each and every carriage with four horses over and above the weight of the straw, hay, oats or other grain for the maintenance of the horses hereinafter-mentioned and provided.

And for the more speedy and effectual providing of carriages for the purposes aforesaid:

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the owner and owners of each and every carriage employed or to be employed in transporting provisions to Raystown for the use of the army as aforesaid shall be allowed and have right to put into and load on his said carriage so as aforesaid employed in His Majesty's service, at his own proper cost and charge and not to be accounted any part of his load to be paid for by the Crown, the quantity of thirty bushels of oats or a weight equal thereto in hay, straw, [rye] or any other grain for the subsistence of his or their horses respectively in their journey or journeys to Raystown and their return to their own respective habitations.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall

be deemed or taken to alter or make void the act of general assembly hereinbefore-mentioned passed in the thirty-first year of the present reign, but that every clause, article and sentence in the said act, except what is hereby expressly altered or supplied, shall be and remain in full force and virtue as the same were before the making of this act.

[Section III.] Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for and during the term of the act hereinbefore-mentioneled, entitled "An act for regulating the hire of carriages to be employed in His Majesty's service," and no longer.

Passed September 20, 1758. Confirmed by the King in Council, September 2, 1760. See Appendix XXIII, Section I, and note to the Act of Assembly passed April 8, 1758, Chapter 429.

CHAPTER CCCXXXV.

AN ACT FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY OF THIS PROVINCE, ENTITLED "A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT FOR PREVENTING THE EXPORTATION OF BREAD AND FLOUR NOT MERCHANTABLE, AND FOR THE NEW APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO PUT THE SAID LAW IN EXECUTION.'"

Whereas an act of the general assembly of this province, entitled "A supplementary act to the act, entitled 'An act for preventing the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable,'"¹ was passed in the nineteenth year of the present reign, which being by its own limitation near expiring, was by one other act, entitled "An act for the continuance of an act of assembly of this province, entitled 'A supplementary act to the act, entitled "An act for preventing the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable,"'" &c.,² continued for the further term of seven years, which said term being also now near expiring, therefore to prevent the expiration of the hereinbefore-men-

¹ Passed March 7, 1745-46, Chapter 368.

² Passed August 18, 1750, Chapter 386.