

or her bare back with thirty-one lashes well laid on. And moreover, every such offender shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania, to be levied on his and her lands and tenements, goods and chattels, the one-half to the use of the governor and the other half to the discoverer; and the offender shall pay to the party grieved double the value of the damages thereby sustained, together with the costs and charges of prosecution. And in case the offender hath not sufficient to satisfy the discoverer for his or her damages and charges and pay the forfeiture aforesaid, in such case the offender shall, by order of the court where he or she was convicted, be sold for any term not exceeding seven years for satisfaction, and in such case the said trustees shall reward the discoverer of such insolvent offender to the value of five pounds. And every such counterfeit bill shall be delivered to any of the said trustees to be made use of upon the trial of the person accused or suspected, and afterwards to be burnt or destroyed by the said trustees in the presence of a committee of assembly.

[Section XVIII.] And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be taken and allowed in all courts and places within this province as a public act, and all judges, justices and other persons concerned are hereby required to take notice thereof as such without pleading the same specially.

Passed June 20, 1759. Repealed by the King in Council, September 2, 1760. See Appendix XXIII, Section I, and the Act of Assembly passed September 29, 1759, Chapter 448.

CHAPTER CCCCXLV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS OF PERSONS BORN OUT OF THE KING'S LIGEANCE, WHO HAVE BEEN OWNERS OF LANDS WITHIN THIS PROVINCE AND HAVE DIED UNNATURALIZED.

Whereas it hath heretofore happened that divers persons born out of the ligeance of our present Sovereign King George the

Second, induced by the lenity of our government, the invitation of the late proprietary and their desires of partaking of those advantages which British subjects within this colony enjoy, have transported themselves and their effects amongst us and made purchases of divers tracts of land and died without being naturalized; therefore for remedying the inconveniencies which have happened by these means to their heirs, devisees and assigns:

[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 Proprietaries 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 where any person or persons born out of the ligeance of our said Sovereign King George the Second or his predecessors, Kings and Queens of Great Britain, have heretofore purchased any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this province and have died not having been naturalized, his, her or their estate, right, title and interest in such lands, tenements and hereditaments heretofore conveyed by deed, executed or devised by last will and testament made and published in the presence of two or more subscribing witnesses, such conveyance, devise or devises so made shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be as good, effectual and available in the law to all intents, constructions and purposes as if such persons so conveying or devising had been natural-born subjects within this province.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where any such purchases of lands, tenements and hereditaments have been made by any [such] person or persons born out of the King's ligeance as aforesaid who have died unnaturalized and intestate as aforesaid, his, her or their lands, tenements and hereditaments so purchased shall descend and be divided to and amongst such intestate's wife, children or other relations in such manner and form as by the laws of this province the lands, tenements and hereditaments of the King's

natural-born subjects now do, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Passed June 20, 1759. Repealed by the King in Council, September 2, 1760. See Appendix XXIII, Section I.

CHAPTER CCCCXLVI.

AN ACT FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL SUPPRESSING AND PREVENTING
[OF] LOTTERIES AND PLAYS.

Whereas many mischievous and unlawful games called lotteries have been set up in the city of Philadelphia, which tend to the manifest corruption of youth and the ruin and impoverishment of many poor families. And whereas such pernicious practices may not only give opportunities to evil-disposed persons to cheat and defraud the honest inhabitants of this province, but prove introductive of vice, idleness and immorality, injurious to trade, commerce and industry, and against the common good, welfare and peace of this province:

For remedying whereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted, adjudged and declared and it is hereby enacted, adjudged and declared by the Honorable William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries 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 all lotteries whatsoever, whether public or private, are common and public nuisances and against the common good and welfare of this province.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act no person or persons whatsoever shall publicly or privately set up, erect, make, exercise, keep open, show or expose, to be