

## CHAPTER CCCCXCII.

AN ACT FOR ENLARGING AND EXTENDING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
OF DARBY MARSH OR MEADOW GROUND.

Whereas by an act of general assembly of the province of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the Southern District of Darby marsh or meadow ground, in the county of Chester, to embank and drain the same, to make and keep the outside banks and dams in good repair forever and to raise a fund to defray the yearly expenses accruing thereon,"<sup>1</sup> it is provided and enacted that two certain islands of marsh or cripple land, one called Hay Island and the other known by the name of The Little Island, situate on the west side of Darby Creek, at Calcoon Hook, in the township of Darby and county of Chester, and also one other piece of meadow ground for the most part drained, lying between Hay Island aforesaid and the shore or fast land, should be embanked and drained by the respective owners thereof under certain rules and regulations in the said act specified.

And whereas in pursuance of the said recited act the owners of the said two islands have not only proceeded on and nearly perfected the banks and dams surrounding the same, but also inclosed within the limits of their said improvements a certain other piece of marsh, cripple or meadow ground lying on the northeast side of a run of water called Hem-sprota, and between the Great Thoroughfare and fast land, and so extending easterly to Darby Creek and terminating at the end of an old bank at the shore by a laid-out road and landing near the house of George Morton, not only as the inclosing the same was done at less charge of banking, a saving of meadow ground, but also much better and more commodious in regard to a road or passage on and to the said meadows, and have likewise been at a very considerable charge in making a dam across the said Great Thoroughfare near the upper end thereof: Now, in order that

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<sup>1</sup> Passed February 17, 1762, Chapter 475.

the said charge may be reimbursed and the said dam kept up and repaired in all future time, and to the end this last piece of marsh or meadow ground may be esteemed to be within the limits of the said Southern District of Darby Meadows, and for preventing disputes amongst the owners touching the premises and as a further encouragement for carrying on and finally perfecting the said improvement:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable James Hamilton, 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 that piece of marsh, cripple or meadow ground, situate and bounded as aforesaid, shall, at all times hereafter, be deemed and taken and the same land is hereby declared to be part of and within the limits of the Southern District of Darby Marsh or Meadow Ground, and that the charge and expense already accrued in making the dam across the Great Thoroughfare as aforesaid and repairing and maintaining the same in all future time as well as repairing the bank from the northwest end thereof to the shore or fast land, shall be paid and discharged by all the owners and possessors of meadow land within the limits of the said district in like manner as the other dams and banks belonging thereto are by the said recited act of assembly directed to be paid and discharged; yet so nevertheless that after the first repairing and amending the said bank out of the common stock of the said company it shall be set off and allotted in the same manner and by the same men, or any three of them, who are appointed to set off and allot the other banks of the said district by the before recited act, to some person or persons, owner or owners of land in the said district so enlarged and extended as aforesaid, who shall, at all times after such allotment, keep up the said banks so allotted to them respectively in good and substantial repair, wherein they shall be governed and directed by the said recited act.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority

aforesaid, That all and every the owner and owners of land within the before described piece of marsh, cripple or meadow ground or those who hereafter shall be owners thereof respectively shall be subject to all and every the like rules, orders, regulations, rates, charges and assessments, penalties and forfeitures, and also entitled to all the rights, liberties, privileges and benefits to which the owners of the lands within the Southern District first above mentioned are subject and entitled in and by virtue of the said hereinbefore recited act of assembly, and that the said rates, charges and assessments, penalties and forfeitures shall be levied and recovered in the same manner as other the rates, charges and assessments, penalties and forfeitures imposed in virtue of the said act are directed to be levied and recovered.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the before recited act as prescribes or limits the northeasterly boundary of the said Southern District of Darby Marsh or Meadow Ground to begin at the fast land belonging to the heirs of Andrew Boon, Junior, deceased, on the west side of the run of water called Hem-sprota, thence along the side thereof to the Great Thoroughfare, then across the said thoroughfare to Hay Island, then up the said thoroughfare, by the course thereof so far as the new dam erected thereon, shall be and is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed March 4, 1763. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, December 9, 1763, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXIV, Section II, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed February 17, 1762, Chapter 475.

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### CHAPTER CCCCXCIII.

AN ACT THE BETTER TO ENABLE THE PERSONS THEREIN NAMED TO HOLD LANDS AND TO INVEST THEM WITH THE PRIVILEGES OF NATURAL-BORN SUBJECTS OF THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas the Reverend Charles Magnus Wrangel, Doctor of Divinity, who was the subject of His Majesty the King of