

# THE STATUTES AT LARGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1765, and continued by adjournments until the twentieth day of September, 1766, the following acts were passed:

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## CHAPTER DXXXII.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT,<sup>1</sup> ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CONTINUE AN ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT FOR REGULATING AND CONTINUING THE NIGHTLY WATCH AND ENLIGHTENING THE STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, AND FOR RAISING OF MONEY ON THE INHABITANTS AND ESTATES OF THE SAID CITY FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES THEREOF.'" <sup>2</sup>

Whereas notwithstanding the penalty of forty shillings directed by law to be imposed on persons who shall willfully or maliciously break, throw down or extinguish any lamp hung out or set up to light the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia, divers ill disposed persons have willfully and maliciously broke down and destroyed several of the said lamps:

For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 15, 1756, Chapter 411.

<sup>2</sup> Passed September 30, 1763, Chapter 504.

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 if any person or persons shall and do from and after the publication of this act willfully or maliciously break, throw down or extinguish any lamp that is or shall be hung out or set up to light the said streets, lanes or alleys or shall willfully or maliciously damage the posts, iron or other furniture thereof, every person so offending being thereof convicted in any court of quarter sessions in and for the said city shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five pounds for each lamp so broken, thrown down or extinguished and for each post, iron or other furniture so damaged; and if any person or persons shall accidentally or undesignedly break, throw down or extinguish any of the lamps aforesaid, or damage any of the said posts, irons or sentry boxes, and having so done shall fail of giving notice thereof to some one or more of the wardens of the said city within twelve hours from the time of the said damage being done, every person so failing to give notice as aforesaid being thereof legally convicted as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding forty shillings, but if such notice shall be by him given as aforesaid he shall only pay such costs as in the judgment of the wardens aforesaid will fully repair the damage done.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the clause in the act to which this act is a supplement relating to the said fine of forty shillings imposed on persons committing the offense or offenses aforesaid and every article, clause and thing therein contained shall be and is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, taken or held to repeal or make void any other clause, article, matter or thing mentioned or contained in the said recited act, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said fines and forfeitures hereby imposed on

the offenders aforesaid shall be applied and appropriated to the same use and purpose as the before mentioned fine of forty shillings is applied and appropriated in and by the act, entitled "An act for regulating and continuing the nightly watch and enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia and for raising of money on the inhabitants and estates of the said city for defraying the expenses thereof."<sup>1</sup>

[Section IV.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every article, clause and thing therein contained shall be and is hereby declared to be and continue in full force and virtue for and during the same term and time as is limited and appointed for the continuance of the act to which this act is a supplement and no longer.

Passed February 8, 1766. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 11, 1767, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXV, Section I, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed September 15, 1756, Chapter 411. Expired.

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## CHAPTER DXXXIII.

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AN ACT TO PREVENT CUTTING OR DAMAGING THE ROPES USED BY THE FERRYMEN ON SCHUYLKILL OR ELSEWHERE WITHIN THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas the ropes used by the ferrymen in drawing their boats over the river Schuylkill and other rivers and creeks within this province greatly tend to the dispatch, ease and security of persons passing over the same. And whereas several evil minded persons going up and down the said river Schuylkill have wantonly and maliciously cut the said ropes, to the great obstruction of travelers and damage of the owners thereof:

For prevention therefore of the like mischiefs in future:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, 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

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 15, 1756, Chapter 411.