

required to issue their warrant under their hands and seals directed to the sheriff of the county, commanding him forthwith to deliver to the lessor full possession of the demised premises aforesaid and to levy the costs taxed by the justices and damages so by the freeholders aforesaid assessed of the goods and chattels of the lessee or tenant or other person in possession as aforesaid, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas after the determination of such leases so made as aforesaid no distress can by law be made for any arrears of rent that grew due on such respective leases before the determination thereof:

[Section VII.] Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons having any rent in arrear or due upon any lease for life or lives, or for one or more years, or at will, ended or determined, to distrain for such arrears after the determination of the said respective leases in the same manner as they might have done if such lease or leases had not been ended or determined.

Provided that such distress be made within the space of six months after the determination of such lease and during the continuance of such lessor's title or interest and during the possession of the tenant from whom such arrears become due.

Passed February 24, 1770. Repealed by the King in Council, May 24, 1771. See Appendix XXVII, Section III.

CHAPTER DCVIII.

AN ACT FOR APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE OR MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURES OF THE NEIGHBORING COLONIES TO FORM AND AGREE ON A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE REGULATION OF THE INDIAN TRADE.

Whereas His Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct that the regulations of the Indian trade for the future shall be committed to the care and management of the colonies:

And whereas it is conceived that the good purposes thereby intended cannot be fully answered without the co-operation of the several legislatures of the neighboring colonies concerned therein:

For obtaining whereof:

[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 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 Joseph Galloway, John Ross, William Rodman, John Morton, William Logan and William West, Esquires, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners on the part of the province of Pennsylvania, and fully authorized and empowered to meet and confer with such commissioners as are or shall be appointed by the several legislatures of the colonies of Quebec, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and the three lower counties on Delaware to agree on a general plan for the regulation of the Indian trade.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners for the province of Pennsylvania or such of them as shall meet the commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the said neighboring colonies shall with all convenient speed after such meeting or meetings make full and perfect report or reports of such regulations or plan as they shall agree upon in conjunction with such other commissioners as are or may be appointed by the legislatures of the said neighboring colonies to the governor and assembly of this province for the time being in order that a proper law or laws may be passed if the said report or reports shall be by them approved.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That provision shall be made for paying the reasonable expenses which shall accrue on the part of this province in performance of the service aforesaid when the amount thereof

shall be known by some future act or acts of general assembly to be passed for that purpose.

Passed February 24, 1770. Confirmed by the King in Council, May 24, 1771. See Appendix XXVI, Section IV, Appendix XXVII, Section III, and the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed April 8, 1758, Chapter 428; April 2, 1763, Chapter 499.

CHAPTER DCIX.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE SOCIETY FORMED FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR, AGED AND INFIRM MASTERS OF SHIPS, THEIR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

Whereas a number of captains and masters of vessels, in order to relieve the poverty and distress to which many persons of their occupation and business have been reduced by the frequent accidents attending the dangers of the sea, have from a principle of charity subscribed and raised a sum of money to be appropriated towards the relief and support of poor, aged and infirm masters of ships, their widows and children:

And whereas many other persons, convinced of the benevolence of the said society and of the benefit which will accrue to the public from thus encouraging an increase of skilful mariners, have offered to contribute to the same purposes if the moneys contributed were put under some legal direction and the society properly incorporated so as to secure the application of the sums subscribed and paid to the uses intended:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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 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 and every person and persons who have heretofore subscribed certain articles of agreement bearing date the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand