applied towards sinking the sums of money heretofore granted to the King's use.

[Section XI.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and continue in force for four years from and after the publication thereof and from thence till the end of the next sitting of assembly and no longer.

[Section XII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act of general assembly of this province, entitled "An act for laying a duty on negroes imported into this province," 2 be and is hereby repealed and made void.

Passed March 14, 1761. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 15, 1762, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXIV, Section II, and the Acts of Assembly passed April 22, 1761, Chapter 468; October 22, 1763, Chapter 505; February 20, 1768, Chapter 572; February 26, 1773, Chapter 681; September 7, 1778, Chapter 810. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 1, 1780, Chapter 881.

CHAPTER CCCCLXVIII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LAYING A DUTY ON NEGROES AND MULATTO SLAVES IMPORTED INTO THIS PROVINCE." 1

Whereas Richard Pearne, the officer appointed in and by virtue of the act of general assembly, entitled "An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province," has since the publication thereof departed this life, and there remains no person to execute the several duties, matters and things by the same law enjoined and required to be done:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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

² Passed May 10, 1729, Chapter 304.

¹ Passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 467.

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 Thomas Combe, of the city of Philadelphia, is hereby nominated and appointed the officer to succeed him, the said Richard Pearne, in the said office, who, immediately from and after the passing of this act, is hereby fully authorized and strictly enjoined and required to do, execute and perform all and singular the matters and things whatsoever enjoined and required to be done by him, the said Richard Pearne, in and by the said recited act had he survived, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as the said Richard Pearne could or might have done, and as fully as if the said Thomas Coombe had been nominated and appointed in and by virtue of the said act, he, the said Thomas Coombe, before he enters upon the execution of his said office first giving bonds, with one or more sufficient sureties, to the provincial treasurer for the time being in the sum of five hundred pounds, with condition for the due execution of his trust and performance of all things required of him as well by this act as the said act to which this act is a supplement.

[Section II.] And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in full force and virtue for and during the continuance of the said recited act of assembly to which this act is a supplement and no longer.

Passed April 22, 1761. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 15, 1762, 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 March 14, 1761, Chapter 467; and the Act of Assembly passed February 20, 1768, Chapter 572.