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five shillings, one-half to the use of the poor of the said city, and the other half to the use of him or them who shall prosecute and cause such offender to be as aforesaid convicted: which forfeitures shall be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods as aforesaid; and for want of such distress, if the offender refuse to pay the said forfeiture, he shall be committed to prison for every such offense the space of two days, without bail or mainprise.

Provided, That such conviction be made within ten days after such offense committed. And if such offender be a negro or Indian slave, he shall, instead of imprisonment, be publicly whipped, at the discretion of the magistrate.

Passed August 26, 1721. Apparently never considered by the Crown, but allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix IV, Section II, and Hill's letter and Fane's opinion in Appendix V, Section I, and the Acts of Assembly passed August 14, 1725, Chapter 287; February 6, 1730-31, Chapter 322; March 29, 1735-36, Chapter 338; February 9, 1750-51, Chapter 388; March 26, 1762, Chapter 481; March 9, 1771, Chapter 624; March 21, 1772, Chapter 648; December 24, 1774, Chapter 705; November 25, 1779, Chapter 867; March 28, 1787, Chapter 1279; September 29, 1787, Chapter 1318; April 13, 1791, Chapter 1573; April 11, 1793, Chapter 1698; April 18, 1794, Chapter 1743; April 18, 1795, Chapter 1857; March 29, 1802, P. L. 127; March 29, 1803, P. L. 542; April 4, 1807, P. L. 132; March 30, 1812, P. L. 182; March 14, 1818, P. L. 189; March 29, 1824, P. L. 152; February 10, 1832, P. L. 64; June 13, 1836, P. L. 551; March 16, 1847, P. L. 473; April 11, 1848, P. L. 504; April 8, 1851, P. L. 382; April 14, 1851, P. L. 549; March 20, 1856, P. L. 137; May 5, 1864, P. L. 841; March 23, 1865, P. L. 744; March 12, 1866, P. L. 160; June 2, 1870, P. L. 1316; April 17, 1878, P. L. 23; June 10, 1881, P. L. 111; June 11, 1885, P. L. 111.

CHAPTER CCXLVI.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE KILLING OF DEER OUT OF SEASON, AND AGAINST CARRYING OF GUNS OR HUNTING BY PERSONS NOT QUALIFIED.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by Sir William Keith, Baronet, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That if

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any person or persons, after the publication hereof, shall kill or destroy any buck, doe, fawn, or any other sort of deer whatsoever, at any other time or season except only betwixt the first day of July and first day of January, he shall forfeit and pay for every such buck, doe, fawn, or other deer so killed or destroyed as aforesaid, the sum of twenty shillings; one-half thereof to the poor of the township where the offense is committed, and the other half to him who shall inform or sue for the same, before any justice of the peace of this province, who is hereby empowered and authorized to hear and determine the same, and to convict the offender, by the oath or affirmation of one or more witnesses.

Provided, That such conviction be made within two months after such offense is committed.

And for the better conviction of offenders against this act:

[Section II.] Be it enacted, That every person in whose custody shall be found, or who shall expose to sale any green deer skins, fresh venison, or deer's flesh, at any other time of the year than what is before excepted, and shall be convicted thereof as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of the said offense. And that the same green deer skins, fresh venison or deer's flesh so found as aforesaid shall be held to be good evidence in the cases aforesaid.

Provided always, That nothing contained in this act shall be deemed or construed to extend to any free native Indians carrying guns, hunting, killing, and having in their custody any skins or deer's flesh for their own use, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas divers abuses, damages and inconveniencies have arose by persons carrying guns and presuming to hunt on other people's lands, for remedy whereof for the future:

[Section III.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall presume, at any time after the sixteenth day of November, in this present year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, to carry any gun or hunt on the improved or inclosed lands of any plantation other than his own, unless he have license or permission from the owner of such lands or plantation, and shall be thereof convicted, either

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upon view of any justice of the peace within this province, or by the oath or affirmation of any one or more witnesses, before any justice of the peace, he shall for every such offense forfeit the sum of ten shillings. And if any person whatsoever, who is not owner of fifty acres of land and otherwise qualified in the same manner as persons are or ought to be by the laws of this province for electing of members to serve in assembly, shall, at any time after the said sixteenth day of November, carry any gun, or hunt in the woods or uninclosed lands, without license or permission obtained from the owner or owners of such lands, and shall be thereof convicted in manner aforesaid, such offender shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings for every such offense.

[Section IV.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person whatsoever shall presume to shoot at or kill with a firearm any pigeon, dove, partridge, or other fowl in the open streets of the city of Philadelphia, or in the gardens, orchards and inclosures adjoining upon and belonging to any of the dwelling houses within the limits of the said city, upon the forfeiture of five shillings for every such offense, to be convicted in manner aforesaid.

All which penalties and forfeitures shall go, one moiety to the informer, and the other to the poor of the township where such offense is committed. But if convicted upon view of a justice of the peace, the whole forfeiture shall be to the use of the poor. And if the offender refuse to pay, the same shall be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods, by warrant under the hand and seal of the justice before whom such offender shall be convicted, returning the overplus, if any be, the charge of distraining being first deducted. And for want of such distress he shall be committed to prison, where the forfeiture is twenty shillings, for the space of ten days; and, where the forfeiture is ten shillings, for the space of five days; and, if the forfeiture is five shillings, for the space of two days, without bail or mainprise.

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the Acts of Assembly passed February 6, 1730-31, Chapter 323; January 27, 1749-50, Chapter 383. Repealed by Act passed April 9, 1760, Chapter 456.

CHAPTER CCXLVII.

AN ACT FOR THE WELL TANNING AND CURRYING OF LEATHER, AND REGULATING OF CORDWAINERS, AND OTHER ARTIFICERS, USING AND OCCUPYING LEATHER WITHIN THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas very great abuses have been committed by tanners, cutters and other persons, using and working of leather within this government, and the prices of leather become very exorbitant and burdensome to the people of this province: To the intent therefore that a reasonable and indifferent course for the true and well tanning, currying and working of leather, may be from henceforth established and appointed, and yet the persons using the several crafts and mysteries aforesaid may not be more strictly bound or limited than the necessary regard of the welfare and general commodity of all His Majesty's subjects within the said province requireth:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by Sir William Keith, Baronet, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the twenty-fifth day of November next, in this present year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, if any person or persons using, or which shall use, the mystery or faculty of tanning, or any person or persons importing, or who shall import, any leather into this province, shall at any time or times hereafter offer or put to sale any kind of leather which shall be insufficiently and not thoroughly tanned, so that the same, by the triers of leather lawfully appointed by virtue of this present act, for the time being, shall be found to be insufficiently not thoroughly tanned, that then all and every such person and persons so offending shall forfeit such leather, as shall be found insufficiently and not thoroughly tanned, unless the party importing the same will give

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