

ACTS AND LAWS,

MADE and passed by the General Court or Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut, in America; holden at Hartford, in said State, on the second Thursday of May, (being the 13th Day of said Month), Anno Domini, 1779.

All acts respecting Listers previous to this are repealed except one act in page 322 & one in page 336 - by last paragraph of this Act

An Act for the direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Listers in the several Towns in this State (being sworn to a faithful Discharge of their Office) shall give Warning to the Inhabitants of their respective Towns, to give in the Lists of their Polls and rateable Estate, by posting up a Notification in Writing, signed by the Listers in such Town, in the Month of July annually, on the public Sign Post in every Town, and also on some Sign Post or public Place in every Society in such Town, thereby giving Notice to all Persons obliged by Law to pay Taxes, to give in their respective Lists according to Law. Which Warning so posted up as aforesaid, shall be sufficient to such Persons to give in their Lists to the Listers: And the Inhabitants being so warned, shall give in to the Listers in Writing a true Account of all their listable Polls, and of all other rateable Estate, being their Property, or belonging to them, on the twentieth of August following, at or before the tenth Day of September following, particularly mentioning therein all such Things as are in this Act hereafter expressly valued, signed with their Names; which Accounts the said Listers shall accept, adding thereto, according to their best Judgment, a Value for all Things hereafter mentioned in this Act to be listed, that are not particularly valued, and make the whole into one general List: And every Person or Persons having any Land or real Estate proper to be rated in any other Town than where such Person dwells, shall give in to the Listers of such Towns where such Estate doth lye, a true List thereof, in the Manner before mentioned, without any Warning given by the Listers of the Town where such Estate is liable to be rated as aforesaid, or be liable to be fourfolded: And in Case the Town in

Listers to post up Notifications.

Inhabitants to give in a List of what they possess the 20th of Aug. by the 10th of Sept.

An Act to prevent the Practice of Duelling.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person within this State, shall challenge the Person of another, or shall accept any such Challenge to fight at Sword, Pistol, Rapier, or other dangerous Weapon, such Person so challenging or accepting, shall forfeit and pay into the Treasury of this State, for every such Offence, being thereof convicted before the Superior Court, by the Testimony of one or more credible Witnesses, Confession of the Party offending, or other sufficient Evidence, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds; and shall also find sufficient Sureties to the acceptance of such Court, for his good Behaviour during Life; and such Person shall also be disabled ever after from holding any Office of Profit or Honour under this State; and if such Convict shall be unable or neglect to pay the said Forfeiture, he or they shall be closely imprisoned for the Term of one full Year.

Penalty for Challenging, or accepting a Challenge to fight a Duel.

Be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall willingly or knowingly carry or deliver any written Challenge, or verbally deliver any Message, meant as, or purporting a Challenge, or shall be present at the fighting any Duel as aforesaid, as a Second, or Aid, or to give Countenance thereto; he or they being convicted as aforesaid, shall suffer the same Forfeitures, Pains, Penalties and Disabilities as aforesaid; saving only finding Sureties for good Behaviour during Life, as before provided.

Penalty for carrying a Message, &c.

WH E R E A S the Practice of selling Prize Goods, and other Articles of Merchandize, by the way of Vendue, is found to be a Method attended with many ill Consequences, enhancing the Price of the Articles sold, to the great Detriment of the Public:

Preamble.

Whereupon,

IT is Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, no Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall be sold, or advertized to be sold at Vendue, (except by Officers on Execution) on the Penalty of forfeiting of the Goods sold, or offered on Sale by Vendue, or the Value thereof in Money, to the Treasurer of this State, by the Person who shall sell, or procure his Goods, Wares, &c. to be sold as aforesaid; as also the same Sum or Value by him who shall bid off or buy the same. To be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or Information, before any Court proper to try the same.

No Goods to be sold at Vendue, except, &c.

And it shall be the Duty of all Informing Officers to make Presentment of the Breaches of this Act. And if any private Person shall make Information thereof, and prosecute the same to Effect, he shall be intitled to one third of the Forfeiture incurred and recovered thereon.

Informing Officers to make Presentment, &c.

Brand for Horses in *Washington*.

A Court of
Probate erec-
ted in *Norfolk*:

by the Name of the District of *Norfolk*: And that in said District there shall be a Court of Probate, held by one Judge, to be appointed and commissioned for that Purpose, according to Law; who shall have a Clerk, by him to be appointed and sworn to that Office. Which Court shall have and exercise the same Powers, Authorities and Privileges that the other Courts of Probate in this State have, and are respectively vested with. And all Appeals from said Court of Probate shall be regulated and governed according to the Order and Directions of the Law respecting Appeals for the Courts of Probate in this State.

A Proviso.

Provided nevertheless, That all Matters and Business that have been begun, or depending in the Courts of Probate in the Districts of *Litchfield* and *Simsbury*, shall be issued and finished in the Courts of Probate for the Districts of *Litchfield* and *Simsbury*, as though this Act had not been made; any Thing therein contained notwithstanding.

An Act for appointing a Brand for Horses in the
Town of *Washington*.

Brand for
Horses in
Washington.

It is Ordered and Enacted by this Assembly, That the Brand for Horses in the Town of *Washington*, shall be the Letter or Figure following, viz. W.

N E W - L O N D O N :

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