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At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia the fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1750, and continued by adjournments until the twenty-fourth day of August, 1751, the following acts were passed:

CHAPTER CCCLXXXVII.

AN ACT FOR EXPLAINING AND ASCERTAINING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF YORK AND CUMBERLAND, IN THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Whereas by an act of general assembly of this province, entitled "An act for erecting part of the province of Pennsylvania westward of Susquehanna and southeastward of the South Mountain into a county,"¹ passed in the twenty-third year of the present reign, it was enacted that all and singular the lands lying within the province of Pennsylvania aforesaid to the westward of the [river] Susquehanna and southward and eastward of the South Mountain should be erected into a county, and the same were thereby erected into a county by the name of York, bounded northward and westward by a line to be run from the said river Susquehanna along the ridge of the said South Mountain until it shall intersect the Maryland line, [southward by the said Maryland line,] and eastward by the said river Susquehanna. And whereas by a subsequent act of general assembly of this province passed in the same year of the present reign, entitled "An act for erecting part of the province of Pennsylvania westward of Susquehanna and northward and westward of the county of York into a county,"² it was enacted, that all and singular the lands lying within the province of Penn-

¹ Passed August 19, 1749, Chapter 377.

² Passed January 27, 1749-50, Chapter 380.

acts or anything therein contained but that every clause, article and sentence therein except what is hereby altered or supplied shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

Passed February 9, 1750-51. Confirmed by the King in Council, May 10, 1753. See Appendix XIX, Section I, and notes to the Acts of Assembly passed August 19, 1749, Chapter 377; January 27, 1749-50, Chapter 380.

CHAPTER CCCLXXXVIII.

AN ACT FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTING ACCIDENTS WHICH MAY HAPPEN BY FIRE AND FOR SUPPRESSING IDLENESS, DRUNKENNESS AND OTHER DEBAUCHERIES.

To the end the provisions already made by our laws for preventing accidents which may happen by fire in the city of Philadelphia and several other boroughs and towns within this province may be made more generally useful, and to prevent as much as in us lies the growing sins of idleness, drunkenness and other debaucheries, too frequent among us,

[Section I.] Be it 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 of the 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 whatsoever within any county town or within any other town or borough in this province already built and settled or hereafter to be built and settled, not hitherto restricted nor provided for by our laws, shall set on fire their chimneys to cleanse them or shall suffer them or any of them to take fire and blaze out at the top, or shall fire any gun or other fire-arm, or shall make or cause to be made, or sell or utter or offer to expose to sale, any squibs, rockets or other fireworks, or shall cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets or other fireworks within any of the said towns

or boroughs without the governor's special license for the same, every such person or persons so offending shall be subject to the like penalties and forfeitures and to be recovered in like manner as in and by an act passed in the eighth year of the reign of King George the First, entitled "An act for preventing accidents that may happen by fire,"¹ are directed to be levied and recovered.

And for preventing idleness, drunkenness and other mischiefs that may and frequently do happen by numbers of idle or vicious persons meeting together at or near public houses or dram shops under pretense of horse races, shooting matches or other idle sports,

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any public house keeper or other retailer of strong liquors within this province shall promote or encourage any such horse races, shooting matches or other idle sports, or shall sell any wine, rum, beer, cider or other strong liquors whatsoever to any such persons so assembled on pretense of horse races, shooting matches or any other unlawful sports or games, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings for the first offense, and for the second offense the sum of three pounds, and be suppressed by the justices of the respective county courts to which he, she or they may belong.

[Section III.] And be it likewise further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons whatsoever shall enter, start or run any horse, mare or gelding, or shall promote or be concerned in any shooting match for any plate, prize, sum of money or other thing of value whatsoever, or shall make, print, publish or proclaim any advertisement or notice of any plate, prize, sum of money or other thing of value, to be run for by any horse, mare or gelding, or to be shot for by any person or persons whatsoever, without the governor's special license for the same, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of three pounds for the first offense, and of five pounds for the second and every other offense. And if such offender be a servant, or negro or Indian slave, he, she or they shall be whipped on the bare back with fifteen lashes and confined six

¹ Passed August 26, 1721, Chapter 245.