

The
Statutes at Large
of
PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE TIME OF
WILLIAM PENN

COMPILED UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE ACT OF MAY 19, 1887, AS SUPPLEMENTED,
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The Parish who may in case of suspicion view The Corps, & if none yet according to The Decent Custome of Christendome they may accompany it to The Grave; And that Noe Persons whether Free or Servant shall be buried in any other place than those so appointed, unless Such who by their owne appointment in their lifetime have signified their desire of being interred in The Burial Place of Some Other Parish.

CAPITAL LAWES

If Any Person shall Commit Any Wilful & premeditated Murther he shall be put to death.
 If Any Person slayeth An Other with Sword or Dagger who hath Noe Weapon to defend himself he shall be put to death.
 If any one slay or cause an other to be slaine by lying in wayt privily for him or by poysoning him, or any other such wicked conspiracy he shall be put to death.
 If Any Man or Woman shall lye with Any Beast or Brute Creature by Carnal Copulation, they shall be put to death & The Beast shall be burned.
 If Any Man lyeth with Mankind as he lyeth with a Woman, they both shall be put to death, unless The One Party be forced or be under fourteen yeares of Age, in which case he shall be punished according to the Discretion of The Court of Assizes.
 If Any Man forceably stealeth or carryeth away Any Man or Man Child, he shall be put to death.
 If Any Person beare False Witness, maliciously & on purpose to take away A Mans life, he shall be put to death.
 If Any Man shall Trayterously deny His Majesties Right & Title to His Crownes & Dominions or shall raise Armes to resist His Authority, he shall be put to death.
 If Any Man Treacherously conspire or publiquely attempt to Invade or Surprize Any Towne or Townes, Forty or Forts, within This Government, he shall be put to death.
 If Any Child or Children above sixteen yeares of Age & of sufficient understanding shall Smite their Natural Father or Mother (unless thereunto provoked & forced for their selfe preservation from death or maiming) at the complaint of The Said Father or Mother (& not otherwise) they bringing Sufficient Witnesses thereof, that Child or Those Children so offending, shall be put to death.
 If Any Person within This Government shall Commit Burglary by breaking up Any Dwelling House or shall Robb Any Person in the feild or High Waies, The Person so offending shall for the first offence be Branded on the forehead, for the second offence he shall be Branded as before & severly Whipt; And for the third offence, he shall be put to death.
 If Any Person shall Rob any Orchard or Garden or shall Steale away any Linnen, Woollen or other Goods left without Doores or shall wilfully Deface or Spoile any Dwelling House or Out House or any part thereof or anything belonging thereunto He shall pay Treble Damages or be Whipt.
 If Any Person shall Steale from another any Corne, Goods or Chattels to The Value of Ten Shillings or upwards, he shall be Whipt or pay Such A Fine as The Court shall judge to satisfy The Damage with The Costs & Charges of Court; And it is also left to the discretion of The Court to appoint Smaller Mulets or punishments for Smaller Offences of that kind.
 That The Constable by Warrant from A Justice of The Peace or upon suddain occasion without Warrant (haveing with him The Staffe of The Office) may make Search in Any House or Place suspected both for The Offender & for The Goods stolen & whosoever haveing his goods stolen shall privately receive them & shall not legaly prosecute The Offender, he shall forfeit to The Publique Use The Goods so received or the value of them.
 Every Married Person or Persons who shall be found or proved by confession of Parties or Sufficient testimony to have committed Adultery with A Married Man or Woman shall be proceeded against according to The Laws of England by Divorce (if sued) corporal punishment or Fine or Imprisonment.
 Every Single Person or Persons who shall be found or proved by confession of Parties or Sufficient Testimony to have committed Carnal Copulation with a Married Man or Woman, they both shall be greivously Fined & Punished as The Governor & Councill or The Court of Assizes shall think meet not extending to life or member.

CATTLE, CORNE-FEILDS, FENCES

Every Person interested in the improvement of Common Feilds or Any Feild inclosed for Corne, or other necessary use shall from time to time make & keepe his part of the Fence sufficiently strong & in