

CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT FOR CONTINUING THE TIME FOR DRAWING THE LOTTERY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT PASS[E]D IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY, INTIT[U]LED “AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED MILL'D DOLLARS, AND FOR MAKING FURTHER PROVISION RELATING TO SAID LOTTERY.”

WHEREAS an act intit[u]led “An Act for supplying the treasury with twenty-six thousand seven hundred mill'd dollars,” pass[e]’d the great and general court of this province, begun and held at Boston upon Wednesday, the thirtieth day of May, 1750, and continued by prorogation to Thursday, the tenth day of January following; by which act a lottery was established for the end and purpose of supplying the treasury as abovesaid, and the eighteenth day of April last was therein prefix[e]’d and appointed as the time for drawing said lottery; and whereas by one other act or law of his majesty’s province, made in addition to the abovesaid act, the time of drawing said lottery was put off to the fifth day of June instant, at which time the managers and directors were ordered and impowered to proceed to the drawing of said lottery, if the number of five thousand tickets should then have been disposed of; and the days aforesaid set for drawing said lottery being now lapsed, and by reason thereof the end propos[e]’d in said lottery cannot be answered and obtained without some further act of this court respecting said lottery; and whereas it is apprehended that the time for drawing said lottery having been h[eretofore][i]therto made pendant on the sale of a certain number of tickets by the certain days above mentioned, has proved a great discouragement and obstruction to the disposal of said tickets, and that if a perem[p]tory day was set for the drawing said lottery, it would very much promote the sale of said tickets,—

Be it therefore enacted and declared by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

[SECT. 1.] That the said lottery shall be revived, and is accordingly hereby revived, and all the proposals, engagements and declarations contained and made in the aboves[ai]d acts, by and on the part of this province to be kept and performed, and all the paragraphs therein contained, investing any persons with power to act and transact any matters in and about said lottery, are hereby revived, and shall be and remain of the same force and effect as they were before, or would have been if the said days therein prefix’d for drawing said lottery had not lapsed and expired.

Former laws relating to this lottery, revived.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That the sixth day of August next shall be the time for drawing said lottery; at which time the managers and directors of said lottery are ordered and impowered to proceed to the drawing thereof.

Time for the drawing the lottery fixed.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That if any of the tickets mentioned in the said act, whereby said lottery was established, shall remain in the hands of the directors or managers, undisposed of when the time set by this act for drawing said lottery shall come, that then and in such case all and every such ticket shall be and remain as the interest, share and lot of this province.

Undisposed tickets to be the property of the province.

Provided, nevertheless,—

[SECT. 4.] That the managers or directors may, if they see cause, next after the first or second day’s drawing, adjourn the further draw-

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ing for seven days, and in the meantime dispose of all or any of the tickets that may then remain unsold, valuing the same at a rate proportionable to the blanks and prizes which shall be then undrawn; and at the expiration of said seven days, the tickets which shall have been drawn as the property of the province, together with the remaining undisposed tickets, shall be, by the directors and managers, delivered to the treasurer as the lot of the province. [*Passed and published June 13.*]

CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING TO HIS MAJESTY SEVERAL RATES AND DUTIES OF IMPOST AND TUNNAGE OF SHIPPING.

WHEREAS, in and by an act of this province, pass'd in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth year of his majesty's reign, the treasurer was empowered to borrow the sum of five thousand pounds for the supply of the treasury; and, in order to enable him to discharge the receipts and obligations that should by him be given for said sum in pursuance of the aforementioned act, it was therein provided that the dutys of impost and excise, for the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, should be applied to that and to no other use whatever,—

WE, his majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the representatives of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, being desirous of enabling the said treasurer to discharge the receipts and obligations as aforesaid, have cheerfully and unanimously given and granted and do hereby give and grant to his most excellent majesty to the end and use aforesaid, and to no other use, the several duties of impost upon wines, liquors, goods, wares and merchandize that shall be imported into this province, and tunnage of shipping hereafter mentioned; and pray that it may be enacted,—

And be it accordingly enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

[SECT. 1.] That from and after the publication of this act, and during the space of one year, there shall be paid by the importer of all wines, liquors, goods, wares and merchandize that shall be imported into this province from the place of their growth (salt, cotton-wool, pig-iron, provisions, and every other thing of the growth and produce of New England, and also all prize goods condemn'd in any part of this province, excepted), the several rates or duties of impost following; vizt.,—

For every pipe of wine of the Western Islands, eighteen shillings.

For every pipe of Medara, twenty shillings.

For every pipe of other sorts not mention'd, eighteen shillings.

For every hogshead of rhum, containing one hundred gallons, fifteen shillings.

For every hogshead of sugar, fourpence.

For every hogshead of molasses, fourpence.

For every hogshead of tobacco, six shillings.

For every ton of logwood, fourpence.

—And so, proportionably, for greater or lesser quantities.

And all other commodities, goods or merchandize not mentioned or excepted, fourpence for every twenty shilling value: all goods imported from Great Britain, and hogshead- and barrel-staves and heads from any of his majesty's colonys and provinces on this continent, excepted.