

revived, re-enacted and directed to abide and remain in force, and accordingly to be exercised, practised and put in execution, until the thirt[ie]th day of June, *anno Domini* one thousand seven hundred and twenty, and no longer; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 19.*]

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONERS FOR BANKRUPTS' ESTATES TO FINISH THE BUSINESS OF THEIR COMMISSIONS.

1713-14, chap. 14.

WHEREAS during the time that the late act referring to bankrupts was in force, several commissions were regularly issued, and commissioners legally appointed pursuant to the said act, but the proceedings of such commissioners not perfected before the said act was expired; whereupon inconveniencies and lawsuits may arise, unless remedied,—

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governour, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

That all such commissions as were regularly taken out on any bankrupt estate, and the business thereof not finished, shall be yet look[ed] upon and held good and valid; and the commissioners therein appointed may, and hereby are impow[er]ed and directed to go on, proceed in and finish such their commissions, according to the directions of the said act altho' the same is expired; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 22.*]

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO THE DUTY AND OFFICE OF A CORONER," MADE IN THE TWELFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF KING WILLIAM THE THIRD.

1700-1, chap. 3, § 10.

WHEREAS in and by the said act, the coroners of the several count[ie]s of this province are impow[er]ed to serve and execute all writs and processes directed unto them against the sheriffs of the same county, but no provision is therein made to serve any writ or process wherein a sheriff of the same county is or may be plaintiff, and so a failure of justice may happen, if not remedied,—

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governour, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

Coroners empowered to serve writs, in case, &c.

That when and so often as the sheriff or sheriffs of any of the count[ie]s within this province, their undersheriffs or deput[ie]s, or any of them, are or may be concerned as plant[iff], complainant or defendant in any writ, action or process, that in such case the coroner of the same county shall be, and hereby is, impow[er]ed to serve and execute the same; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 17.*]