

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DISTURBANCE GIVEN THE GENERAL COURT, BY COACHES, CHAISES, CHAIRS, CARTS, TRUCKS, AND OTHER CARRIAGES, PASSING BY THE PROVINCE COURT-HOUSE IN THE TIME OF THEIR SITTING.

Preamble.
1742-43, chap. 12.

FORASMUCH as the passing of coaches, chaises, chairs, carts, trucks and other carriages, on the south and north side of the court-house in Boston, gives great interruption to the debates and proceedings of the general court in the time of their sitting; for preventing of which,—

Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

Penalty for coaches, &c., passing by either side of the court-house, in the time of the sitting of the general court.

[SECT. 1.] That after five days from the publication of this act, any person or persons presuming to drive or pass any coach, chaise, chair, cart, truck, or other carriage, by one or more horses or cattle (sleds and slays only excepted), in King[’s] Street, either on the south side or on the north side of the province court-house in Boston, during any sitting of the general court, between the hours of nine in the morning and one in the afternoon, or between the hours of three and seven in the afternoon (either house then actually sitting), shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay, as a fine, for the use of the doorkeeper for the time being, the sum of five shillings, to be immediately paid him by the offender or offenders; and in case of refusal, it shall be in the power of the doorkeeper to require sufficient assistance to arrest and seize the offender or offenders, and him or them to carry before a justice of the peace, who is hereby impowered and directed, on proof of the offence, to commit the offender or offenders to prison, until he or they shall pay the said fine, and cost arising thereon; and in case the doorkeeper shall not arrest and seize the refusing offender as aforesaid, he, the said doorkeeper, may recover the fine by warrant from any one of his majesty’s justices of the peace.

Provided,

[SECT. 2.] That this act shall not be construed or understood to relate to any coach, chariot, chaise or chair, belonging to his excellency the governour, the lieutenant-governour, or any of the members of the general court.

Provided, also,

[SECT. 3.] That nothing in this act shall be understood or construed to restrain any of the hous[e]holders, or inhabitants living in King[’s] Street in Boston, on either side of the court-house, or any person improving any of the cellars under the court-house, from causing any coach, chaise, chair, cart or trucks, in the service of such hous[e]holder or inhabitant, or person improving as aforesaid, to be brought to or carried from their respective dwellings, or the said cellars, during the sitting of the general court.

Limitation.

[SECT. 4.] This act to continue and be in force for one year from the publication thereof, and no longer. [*Passed June 29; published July 2.*]