

CHAPTER 3.

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

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

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

[SECT. 1.] That an iron chain be properly fix[t][’d] to a post to be set in the ground within six feet of the south-west corner of the house late in the possession of Samuel Rand, deceased, on the north side of the said court-house, and that the said chain be extended across the street, at four feet distance from the pavements in the highest place, and fast[e]ned by a lock, to a post to be set in the ground within six feet of the north-west corner of the said court-house; and that one other iron chain be in like manner fix[t][’d] to a post to be set in the ground within six feet of the south-west corner of the said court-house; and that the said chain be extended across the street at four feet in height from the pavement, at least, and fast[e]ned by a lock to another post to be set in the ground within six feet of the buildings opposite to the said south-west corner; and that the doorkeeper of this court be and hereby is directed, from day to day, during the sitting of this court, to extend and fix the said chains across the said street, there to be continued until the adjournment of the same from time to time; and upon the adjournment, the said doorkeeper is directed to take away the said chain.

[SECT. 2.] This act to continue and be in force for the space of one year from the publication, and no longer. [*Passed June 23; published July 1.*]

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING UNTO HIS MAJESTY SEVERAL RATES AND DUTYS OF IMPOST AND TUNNAGE OF SHIPPING.

WE, his majesty’s most loyall and dutifull subjects, the representatives of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, being desirous of a colateral fund and security for drawing in the bills of credit on this province, have chearfully and unanimously given and granted and do hereby give and grant unto his most excellent majesty to the end and use aforesaid, and for no other use, the several dutys of impost upon wines, liquors, goods, wares and merchandizes 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 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,

Preamble.
1747-48, chap. 4.

Chains to be set up to prevent the general court’s being disturbed by coaches, carts, &c.