

No. 287.

AN ACT

For the relief of the city of Pittsburg.

WHEREAS, By a conflagration of unparalleled magnitude, the city of Preamble. Pittsburg has been nearly destroyed, and thousands of her citizens made houseless and destitute: *And whereas*, Charity and benevolence are as much the duties of states as of individuals; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That Appropriation. the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, for the relief and benefit of the sufferers from the late destructive fire in the city of Pittsburg, the said sum to be distributed amongst the destitute, by the Distribution. authority and under the direction of the mayor and select and common councils of said city.

SECTION 2. That the whole amount of state and county tax, hereto- Exoneration from fore assessed, and unpaid upon the personal property and the real estate, tax. upon which the buildings have been destroyed by the late fire, within the first and second wards of said city, and within the town of Kensington, is hereby returned to the persons liable for the same; and that for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, no taxes for state or county purposes shall be assessed on or collected of the aforesaid real estate, in said wards and town of Kensington.

SECTION 3. That all persons heretofore doing business within said Exoneration from wards and town of Kensington, whose property or merchandize has payment of li- been destroyed by the late fire, are hereby released from the payment cens. of all licenses of any kind whatsoever, which have been assessed, or returned for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

SECTION 4. That the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Duty of state mayor and select and common councils of the said city, for the purpose treasurer. aforesaid, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury, and the cancellation of relief notes, for the ensuing quarter, Cancellation of is hereby suspended; and that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, relief notes. mentioned in the act, entitled "An Act to establish an asylum for the insane poor of this commonwealth, to be called the Pennsylvania State Pennsylvania Lunatic Hospital and Union Asylum for the Insane," shall be retained state lunatic hos- by the state treasurer, and paid out of the said notes, directed by law to pital. be cancelled on the thirtieth day of September next.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.