

SECTION 17. That the commissioners appointed by the first section Committee of of this act, are hereby authorized and required to appoint a committee subscriptions. of five, in every city and county of this commonwealth, to solicit and receive private subscriptions for this laudable and benevolent object, and from time to time pay the same over to the state treasurer; and the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the commissioners aforesaid all such sum or sums of money thus received, to aid in the erection of said asylum.

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.

No. 289.

A N A C T

Authorizing the secretary of the commonwealth to distribute copies of the standard of weights and measures, and for the appointment of sealers.

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 the original standards of weights and measures furnished by the United States, and now in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, shall remain in the case provided for that purpose, which shall only be opened under the direction of the governor or the said secretary, for the sole purpose of comparing such standards with the copies hereinafter described, unless by a joint resolution of the two houses of the legislature, or on the call of either house, or by permission of the governor, for scientific purposes. Disposition of standards.

SECTION 2. Copies of such original standards, for general use, to be made of such materials as the governor and the said secretary shall direct, shall be transmitted by them, on application therefor to the county commissioners of each county in this commonwealth, at the expense of the several counties to which the same are sent, and not otherwise. Counties, how furnished.

SECTION 3. The said secretary shall cause to be impressed on each of the copies of such original standards the letters Pa., and such other additional device as he shall direct for the particular county, which device shall be recorded in the secretary's office, and a copy thereof transmitted to the respective county commissioners. Devices.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners receiving such standards as aforesaid, and their successors in office, in every five years, and oftener if they shall have reason to believe it necessary, to cause such standards so received by them, or their predecessors in Duty of county commissioners.

office, to be tried and examined, to be corrected or renewed, so as to conform exactly to the standards prepared according to act of congress, and deposited in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth as aforesaid.

Sealers, appointment and duties. SECTION 5. The governor is hereby authorized to appoint one sealer of weights and measures for the city, and one sealer of weights and measures for the county of Philadelphia, and one for such other of the counties of this commonwealth as shall apply for and obtain copies of the standards, as provided for in the second section of this act, whose duty it shall be to compare all weights and measures which shall be brought to them for that purpose, with the copies of the standard furnished as before provided for; and when the same are found or made by such sealer to conform to the legal standard, the officer comparing them shall seal and mark such weights and measures; and said sealers of weights and measures shall hold their offices three years, unless sooner removed by the governor.

Further duties. SECTION 6. Each of the several regulators of weights and measures hereinbefore authorized to be appointed, shall, at least once in each year, advertise in one or more newspapers in the proper city or county, the place where his office is held; and it shall also be the duty of said regulators of weights and measures, at least once in each year, to go to stores, houses, stalls, and offices of the makers, venders or proprietors of beams, scales, weights and measures, in the proper city and county, and try and adjust, (or cause to be adjusted,) all beams, scales, weights and measures, and seal the same with the initials of his last or surname, and the current year, for which trial and adjustment he shall demand and receive the following fees, to wit: For the trial and balancing of every set of scales, ten cents; of every patent balance, twenty cents; of every set of coal or hay scales, two dollars each; and of every yard measure, six cents; for every bushel measure, twenty cents; for every half bushel measure, fifteen cents; for every peck and half peck measure, ten cents; for quarter peck measure, six and a-fourth cents; of every gallon, half gallon and quart measure, four cents each; of every pint or less, three cents each; of every weight, twenty-eight pounds or more, twelve and a-half cents; of every weight less than twenty-eight pounds, four cents each; and an additional charge for lead, labor or other materials for adjusting said beams, scales, weights and measures, at the current value of labor and materials furnished, and no more; and if the said makers, venders or proprietors of beams, scales, weights and measures, or any of them, shall find it inconvenient to have them adjusted and sealed, or for any other cause, the said beams, scales, weights and measures, shall not have been adjusted and sealed when said regulator attends, they shall be required to bring the same to his office before using them, and have them adjusted and sealed, for which he shall receive the same fees, as if done at the houses, stalls, stores or offices of said makers, venders or proprietors: *Provided*, That for the sealing of such beams, scales, weights and measures, as have been sealed the previous year, he shall demand and receive only one-half the aforementioned fees.

Fees.

Additional charges.

Proviso.

Half fees.

Penalty. SECTION 7. In case any maker, vender or proprietor of beams, scales, weights or measures, within the city or county of Philadelphia, or county for which a sealer has been appointed, shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requisitions which the regulator of weights and measures is authorized and directed to make, or shall sell by false beams, scales, weights or measures, such person or persons so offending, shall, for each and every offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, which may be sued for, and recovered as debts of the like amount are

by law recoverable for the use of the poor of the city, district or township, in which such fine shall have been incurred: *Provided*, That the Construction of provisions of the fifth and sixth sections of this act shall not be so construed as to extend to such beams, scales, weights and measures, as shall not be used by the proprietors thereof, for the purpose of buying or selling the same.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 290.

AN ACT

To annul the marriage contract of William B. Chase and Mary A. Chase.

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 the marriage contract entered into between William B. Chase and Mary A. Chase, of the city of Philadelphia, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties are hereby released and discharged from the said contract, and from all legal duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually, and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

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