

No. 208.

AN ACT

Relating to the Laurel Hill cemetery of Philadelphia.

- 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 if any person shall open any tomb or grave in the lands of the cemetery of the Laurel Hill cemetery company of Philadelphia, and clandestinely remove or attempt to remove any body or remains therefrom, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment in the prison of the county of Philadelphia, at hard labor, for a term of not less than one or more than five years, and pay a fine not less than five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court of quarter sessions for the county of Philadelphia; and any person who shall wilfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure or remove any tomb, monument, grave stone or other structure placed in the cemetery aforesaid, or any fence, or railing or other work for the protection or ornament of said cemetery, or of any tomb, monument, grave stone or other structure placed therein, as aforesaid, or shall wilfully destroy, cut, break or remove any tree, shrub or plant within the limits of said cemetery, or shall shoot or discharge any gun or other fire arms within said limits, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall, upon conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace or alderman of the county of Philadelphia, be punished by a fine, at the discretion of the justice or alderman, according to the aggravation of the offence, of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars; or shall, on conviction thereof, in the court of quarter sessions of said county, be punished by a fine, as aforesaid, and by imprisonment, according to the aggravation of the offence, at the discretion of the court, for a term of not less than six months or more than three years.
- SECTION 2.** That every lot in the said cemetery of the Laurel Hill cemetery company of Philadelphia, shall be held by the proprietor for the purpose of sepulture alone, transferable with the consent of the president and managers thereof, and shall not be subject to attachment or execution; and the said cemetery shall hereafter be forever exempted from taxation: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the said cemetery from payment of state taxes: *And provided further,* That the said exemption from attachment or execution, shall not extend to more than four lots held or owned by any one person in the said cemetery.
- Penalty for violating graves or tombs.**
- For injury done to any grave, tomb, &c.**
- For destroying any shrub, plant, &c.**
- Penalty.**
- Exemptions.**
- Proviso.**
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JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

FRS. R. SHUNK.