

SECTION 7. That the power and charge of the managers of the House of Refuge over the inmates of that institution, shall extend in the case of females, who on their admission may be sixteen years of age, to the age of twenty-one years; and that so much of any law or laws of this commonwealth as conflict with the provisions of this section, be and the same is hereby repealed.

J. S. M'CALMONT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 312.

AN ACT

Authorizing the appointment of an auctioneer or auctioneers in the borough of Easton; and relative to the claim of Samuel Rice, of Chester county; to incorporate the Art Union of Philadelphia; relative to short measure and weight in the sale of dry goods and groceries; and to the fees of the sheriff of Philadelphia county.

Auctioneers for
the borough of
Easton.

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 from and after the first day of June next, when any citizen of this state residing in the borough of Easton, shall have paid into the treasury of this commonwealth the sum of twenty-five dollars, and shall have filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, his bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, to be approved of by the judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Northampton, or any two of them, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of an auctioneer, and for the payment of all duties and taxes which may become due to the commonwealth in consequence of his exercising the trade or occupation of an auctioneer, the governor shall thereupon grant to such citizen a commission in legal form authorizing him to make sales by auction according to law, of all and every kind of merchandize, estate and property at any place within the limits of the borough of Easton, for the term of one year from the date of said commission.

Tax on sales.

SECTION 2. Said auctioneer or auctioneers shall pay into the treasury of the commonwealth, a tax or duty of one-quarter per cent. on all sales of loans or stocks, and one-half of one per cent. on all other sales to be made as aforesaid.

Penalty for mak-
ing sales without
commission.

SECTION 3. If any person not commissioned and authorized as aforesaid, shall after the said first day of June next, make sale by auction

or public out-cry of any merchandize, estate or property whatever, or shall in any manner use or exercise the business or occupation of an auctioneer within the limits of said borough of Easton, he shall upon conviction thereof for every such offence, forfeit and pay not less than one hundred, nor more than three hundred dollars, to be recovered in any court having jurisdiction thereof as debts are by law recoverable; one-half for the use of the directors of the poor and of the house of employment of the county of Northampton, and the other half for the use of the commonwealth: *Provided*, That this act shall not apply to sales by sheriffs, constables, executors or administrators, which may be conducted as heretofore.

SECTION 4. That the canal commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and required to examine the claim of Samuel Rice, of Chester county, for damage done his cars by the collision of two trains on the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad, and if they find said damage was caused by the carelessness or inattention of the state officers, shall proceed to assess the same and report to the legislature.

Canal commissioners authorized to examine claim of Samuel Rice.

SECTION 5. That James M'Murtrie, William D. Kelly, Charles Macalister, James S. Wallace, John Sartain, Charles Toppen, John Towne, H. B. Wallace, John Notman, E. H. Butler, Richard Vaux, Henry Reed, Henry C. Cary, Henry S. Patterson, Charles G. Leland, Thomas J. Natt, Isaac B. Baxter, junior, Henry D. Flickwir, George Harding, William H. Crump, their associates and successors are hereby erected into a body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name and style of "The Art Union of Philadelphia, for the promotion of the arts of design in the United States," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impeaded in all the courts of law and elsewhere, to have a common seal, to make contracts, and to take and hold any real or personal estate conveyed to them by gift, grant, bargain and sale, devise, or other alienation whatsoever, and sell and convey the same: *Provided*, That the clear yearly value of the lands, tenements or other real estate of the said corporation, shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Corporators.

Privileges.

SECTION 6. The objects of this association shall be the encouragement of the arts of design, by the dissemination of a correct taste throughout the community, by the purchase of pictures and other works of art by American artists, the distribution of engravings, or by such other means as may be most conducive to the proper fosterage of art: a subscription of five dollars per annum shall constitute each subscriber a member of the association: the affairs of this association shall be conducted by a board of thirteen managers, to be chosen annually, by ballot, on the first Monday in June: the managers shall appoint a president, a vice president, a treasurer, a recording secretary and a corresponding secretary, either from themselves or from the members generally: if from the members such officers shall be ex-officio members of the board of managers, the managers shall have power to supply any vacancies in their own body: the board of managers shall adopt measures for procuring an engraving or engravings from pictures of merit by an American artist, and furnish to the members one impression thereof for every subscription of five dollars paid, after defraying the cost of the engraving and other incidental expenses: the managers shall divide the funds in hand, exclusive of any reserved fund deemed necessary, into a number of sums of various amounts, adapted to the purchase of pictures, or other works of art by living American artists, on exhibition for sale in any accredited public gallery throughout the United States; and such sums shall be represented by certificates, which the managers shall cause to be prepared and reported to the annual meeting for dis-

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tribution by lot among the members: within five days after the distribution, the managers shall furnish certificates to those members to whom they have been awarded, which shall entitle the recipient to select for himself a picture, drawing or other work of art, in accordance with the terms of the association; which certificate, endorsed by the artist from whom the work has been purchased, and accompanied by a full description of the work, and the gallery from whence it was chosen, shall be the treasurer's voucher for the payment of the sum called for: the board of managers, or officers appointed by them, shall receive the subscriptions of members, pay all the demands against the society, and make such disposition of the surplus funds as shall seem to them most conducive to the objects they have in view, the encouragement of art, or shall be specifically directed by the by-laws.

Reservation.

SECTION 7. The legislature may at any time alter, amend or repeal the privileges hereby granted.

Penalty for selling dry goods or groceries containing less than the quantity represented.

SECTION 8. That from and after the passage of this act, whenever any description of manufactured goods, commonly called dry goods or groceries, shall be sold by the piece in packages, or by weight, and the said pieces or packages shall be marked or represented to contain a certain number of yards, pounds or ounces, and the same shall be sold as containing that number or weight, when in fact the said pieces or packages shall contain a less number of yards, or pounds or ounces, than so represented, the seller or manufacturer thereof shall forfeit and pay to the purchaser a sum equal to double the value of the quantity or weight found to be deficient, to be recovered by action of debt in any court of law, or before any alderman or justice of the peace in this commonwealth, in the same manner that debts of like amount are now by law recoverable.

Fees of sheriffs, &c.

SECTION 9. That nothing in the twenty-sixth section of an act establishing a fee bill, passed on the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, shall be deemed or taken to impose upon any sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, any penalty for taking the fee for service, or copy of any writ of summons, or other original process, at the time of receiving such process to be served.

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