

CHAPTER DXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT FOR REGULATING, PITCHING, PAVING AND CLEANSING THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS, AND FOR REGULATING, MAKING AND AMENDING THE WATERCOURSES AND COMMON SEWERS WITHIN THE INHABITED AND SETTLED PARTS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, AND FOR RAISING OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE THEREOF.'"

Whereas the commissioners appointed in and by an act of the general assembly of this province, entitled "An act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the watercourses and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia and for raising of money to defray the expense thereof,"¹ passed in the third year of His present Majesty's reign, were, by another act, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the watercourses and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia and for raising money to defray the expense thereof,'"² passed in the same year, for divers good reasons and causes as was then apprehended, authorized and empowered to open, cleanse, repair, regulate and make navigable a certain watercourse in the city of Philadelphia commonly called and known by the name of the Dock, extending from the river Delaware across Front street, Second street and Walnut street to the Third street in the said city with a street on each side thereof, formerly granted by the late Honorable William Penn, Esquire, proprietary and governor of this province, to the inhabitants of the said city for public use, in such manner as to them the said commissioners should seem most convenient, useful and advantageous to the public.

¹ Passed March 26, 1762, Chapter 480.

² Passed March 4, 1763, Chapter 485.

And whereas upon a careful examination made by the said commissioners it is found that the opening and making navigable that part of the said Dock situate between Walnut and Third streets will not answer the good purposes that were expected from the same, but that it will be more convenient, useful and advantageous to the public that such part of the said Dock should be filled up over the arch now erected, and with the streets adjoining be regulated as one public street:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, That such part of the said Dock as is situate between Second and Third streets, extending from Walnut street to the said Third street, shall be filled up over the arch now erected and be, together with the street, adjoining on each side, leveled, regulated and left open and common for the use of the public as one street forever by the name of Dock street.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the said recited acts as is hereby altered or changed be and is hereby repealed, annulled and made void, anything in the said acts or either of them contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed February 15, 1765. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 10, 1766, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXIV, Section VIII, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 26, 1762, Chapter 480.