

CHAPTER MDCCLXXXVIII.

AN ACT IN FAVOR OF NATHANIEL FALCONER.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 in the settlement of the accounts of Nathaniel Falconer, late health officer of the port of Philadelphia, the register and comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to credit the said officer for the amount of head money remitted by him to emigrants from Hispaniola, or paid to his deputy during his employment, in consequence of the late epidemic.

Passed September 23, 1794. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 354.

CHAPTER MDCCLXXXIX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING AN HEALTH OFFICE, FOR OTHERWISE SECURING THE CITY AND PORT OF PHILADELPHIA FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF PESTILENTIAL AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, AND FOR REGULATING THE IMPORTATION OF GERMAN AND OTHER PASSENGERS."¹

Whereas the act, entitled, "An act for establishing an health-office, for otherwise securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for regulating the importation of German and other passengers,"¹ passed the twenty-second day of April last, is found by experience to require alterations and amendments.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 inspectors of the health

office appointed and to be appointed in pursuance of the act to which this is a supplement, and of this act, shall from and after the passing of this act, cease to be divided into classes and shall become one board, whereof any seven shall constitute a quorum capable of doing and performing all and every the duties, matters and things which by the said act, or this act, the inspectors of the health office are enjoined or empowered to do and perform; and that ten days before the first Monday in November next the present inspectors shall meet, and by ballot, or otherwise, as they shall agree, determine on twelve of their number, whereof six shall be inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, three of the Northern Liberties, and three of the district of Southwark, who shall go out of office on the said first Monday in November, and shall return their names to the mayor or recorder of the city of Philadelphia, who shall thereupon convene the aldermen of the city, and justices of the peace of the county, and in the manner by the said act directed, the said mayor or recorder, aldermen and justices, shall appoint twelve other inspectors of the health office to serve for one year from the said first Monday in November next, whereof six shall be inhabitants of the city, three of the Northern Liberties, and three of Southwark, and so on every the first Mondays of May and November, the said mayor or recorder, aldermen and justices, in every year, shall meet and appoint twelve inspectors, inhabitants respectively as aforesaid, to serve for one year from the time of their respective appointments, or until their places shall be supplied by new appointment; and any inspector may with his own consent be continued in appointment for another or more years; and the twenty-four persons so to be appointed shall be and become the inspectors of the health office of the port of Philadelphia, by the said act and this supplement established, and shall be liable to the same penalties and forfeitures for refusing to serve; and vacancies shall be supplied in the same manner as by the said act is directed; and the number of twenty-four shall be kept up by half yearly appointments in manner aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said inspectors, at any stated

or other meeting of their board, whereof due notice, agreeably to the rules, orders and regulations to be by them established, shall be given to all the inspectors, shall have power to make, with the approbation of the chief justice of the state, or of the president of the court of common pleas of the county of Philadelphia, or of the recorder of the city, all such rules, orders and regulations as shall be necessary or convenient for regulating their own body, for governing the health office and the officers thereof; and they shall also have the power of fixing reasonable quarantines to be performed by ships and vessels coming from unhealthy or suspected places, and enforcing the performance of such quarantines, and generally for carrying into due execution all and every the provisions of the said act and of this act.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said inspectors, or a majority of a quorum thereof, to suspend or remove from office, for such reasonable cause as to them shall seem sufficient, the visiting or resident physician, and another or other to appoint in his or their place.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas, by the seventh section of the said law, the neglect of any master or captain, by not delivering the certificate reporting the wholesome estate of his vessel received at the health office, to the health officer in Philadelphia within twenty-four hours next after his arrival opposite to the city, is attended with a forfeiture of five hundred dollars, which appears to be too considerable a fine for such a delinquency.

[Section IV.] Be it therefore enacted, That the penalty for that neglect shall, from and after the passing of this act, be fifty dollars and no more, to be recovered and appropriated in the same manner as directed by the said former act.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the perquisites by the said act allowed to the health officer for visiting ships or vessels, and upon receiving bills of health in the city of Philadelphia, shall, from and after the passing of this act, cease to be demandable or payable, and in lieu thereof, the said health officer shall be entitled to demand and receive, of and from the captain or master of every ship or vessel, arriving from any and every for-

eign port, in the port of Philadelphia, at the time of delivering his certificate or bill of health at the health office, one dollar, in full compensation for all services required of and enjoined on him by the said act, or this act.

(Section VI, P. L.) And whereas the funds heretofore provided for defraying the expense of the necessary improvements and repairs wanted at the health office, on State island, have not been productive and cannot be relied on for this purpose.

[Section VI.] Therefore, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated to this purpose, out of the funds appropriated for the support of government, to be paid by the treasurer, on the warrant of the governor, to the inspectors of the health office, who shall duly account for the same in the manner of other public accountants.

[Section VII.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there be allowed two dollars per day to every pilot detained on board any vessel compelled to perform quarantine at the health office, for every day he may be so detained, to be paid by the master or owner of such vessel respectively.

¹Chapter 1759.

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Repealed by Act of April 4, 1796, Chapter 1903.

CHAPTER MDCCXC.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF CERTAIN PERSONS HAVING DEMANDS AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH, FOR MATERIALS FURNISHED, AND WORK DONE, AT OR FOR THE HOUSE INTENDED FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas sundry persons, who have at different times, before the twenty-second day of April last, furnished materials for, and performed work at or for, the house intended for the accommodation of the president of the United States, remain unpaid,