

the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of Westmoreland county, immediately after the passing of this act, to appoint assessors and assistant assessors in the different townships of said county, agreeably to the twelfth section of the law for assessing and collecting county rates and levies, passed the seventeenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, in the same manner as they could have made such appointments at the time particularly designated in the said act.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, and the assessors and assistant assessors appointed by virtue of this act, to proceed in the same manner, and with the same powers, as if they had been appointed agreeably to the act, entitled, "An act to regulate the mode of assessing and collecting county rates and levies," passed the seventeenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.¹

Passed February 27, 1798. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 215, etc.

CHAPTER MCMLVIII.

AN ACT FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND REGULATION OF CONSTABLES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES, IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

[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, from and after the passing of this act, the electors of the townships of the Northern Liberties shall, on the third Saturday in the month of March in each and every year, elect eight suitable persons, inhabitants of the

¹Chapter 1852.

said township, and return the names of the persons so elected to the next general court of quarter sessions to be held for the county of Philadelphia, and the said court shall appoint four of them constables for the said township, and if either of the said constables elected and appointed as aforesaid refuse or neglect to take upon him the office to which he shall be appointed as aforesaid, or in case of vacancy, by dismissal from office for misconduct, death, resignation, or removal from the said township, the court may and shall appoint another proper person to serve the office of constable for and during the term, or residue of the term, which the person in whose room he shall be so appointed was entitled to serve.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before any constable of the said township, elected and appointed as aforesaid, shall enter on the duties of his office, he shall become bound by recognizance, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, inhabitants and citizens of the said township, to be approved by the justices of the said general court of quarter sessions, for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, jointly and severally, in the sum of two hundred dollars, payable to the commonwealth, in trust for the use and benefit of all and every person or persons, who may be injured or aggrieved by the neglect or improper conduct of such constable, in the execution of the duties of his said office.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any constable or constables, elected and appointed under this act, or any person or persons, by his or their direction, shall, at any time hereafter, purchase on account or for the use of the said constables, or any of them, at his or their respective sales, any goods, chattels, wares or merchandises, taken in execution by the said constable, or any of them, and the same be proved, on the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before the justices of the said general court of quarter sessions, such constable shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, one-half for the use of the state, and the other for the use of the person, who shall inform of the buying aforesaid, to be recovered in any court of record within this state; and shall,

moreover, be incapable of holding the said office at any time thereafter.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, "An act to extend the powers of the justices of the peace of this state," passed the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six,¹ as relates to the election and appointment of an high constable for the township of the Northern Liberties, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Passed February 27, 1798. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 218, etc.

CHAPTER MCMLXIX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE SOCIETY FORMED FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESSED AND DECAYED PILOTS, THEIR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.":

Whereas the contributors to the fund for the purpose mentioned in the act, to which this is a supplement, were prevented from holding their general meeting on the second Monday in October last, by reason of the contagious sickness that then afflicted the city of Philadelphia and its suburbs, and it is deemed expedient to remove by law any inconvenience, to which the said corporation might be exposed in consequence thereof. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) Be 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 corporate character, and all the rights, privileges and immunities of "The Society for the relief of distressed and decayed pilots, their widows and children," shall in all respects be deemed to exist, and be enjoyed and en-

¹Chapter 1872.

²Passed September 29, 1789, Chapter 1461.