

1718. passed February 28th, 1810, The seat of justice is removed from New town to a more central situation, to be fixed by commissioners, who have established it at *Doyle's Town*, and a new Court house, prison and county offices are to be erected.

On the 26th February, 1773, an act was passed for erecting a new gaol, work-house, and house of correction in the city of Philadelphia, (chap. 673.)

By an act passed February 28th, 1780, (post. chap. 867,) all Court houses, gaols, prisons and work houses, with the lots, &c. are vested in the commonwealth, for the leases, &c. for which the same were respectively limited and appointed.

By an act passed February 21st, 1767, (chap. 535,) "To prevent the mischiefs arising from the increase of vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly persons, &c." There is a description of what sort of per-

sons shall be deemed idle and disorderly, &c. and a penalty on the constable for neglecting to apprehend them, on notice by the inhabitants, &c. and the manner is prescribed in which the justice is to commit them to the work-house, &c. The manner of proceeding, on presentment being made to the sessions in any county of the want of a work-house, &c. and the justices in sessions are to appoint the keeper of the work-house, &c. with respect to the city of *Philadelphia*, special provisions are made by an act consolidating the poor laws, &c. passed March 29th, 1803, (post. chap. 2337,) by which all preceding acts respecting the poor within the city and liberties are repealed and supplied; and see the second section of the act of April 2d, 1803, (post. chap. 2379.)

See the notes to chap. 236, post. 105.

CHAPTER CCXXXV.

An ACT empowering the Justices to settle the prices of liquors in public houses, and provender for horses in public stables.

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of tavern-keepers, ale-house-keepers and inn-holders, to exact excessive rates for their wine, beer, cyder and other liquors, and also provender for horses, without regard to the plenty and cheapness thereof: *Be it therefore enacted*, That the justices of the peace of the respective counties of this province, and also the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, shall have full power, four times in the year, to wit, at the general sessions of the peace, held for the said counties and city respectively, to set such reasonable prices on all liquors retailed in public houses, and provender for horses in public stables, from time to time, as they shall see fit; which prices shall be proclaimed by the cryer at the conclusion of their said respective sessions, and fixed upon the Court-house doors for public view.

The justices, &c. to set prices on liquors, &c.

Penalty on demanding higher prices.

II. And if any public ale-house-keeper, taverner, inn-holder, or public stable-keeper, exceed the prices so set by the justices, and be convict thereof, by oath or affirmation of one or more witnesses, before one or more justices of the peace of the respective counties of this province, or city of Philadelphia, every such offender shall, for the first offence, be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty shillings, and for the second offence forty shillings, and give security for their good behaviour; and for the third offence, upon conviction in the quarter sessions of the respective counties or city of Philadelphia, five pounds, and not to be recommended to keep a public house or tavern for the space of three years after such conviction.

Passed 31st May 1718.—Recorded A. vol. II. page 139.*

* For a reference to the various acts respecting taverns and tavern licences, see ante. chap. 172, and the notes there subjoined.