

CHAPTER DCCXXXVI.

1777.

An ACT to revive and put in force an act, entitled *An Act to regulate the fishery in the river Schuylkill.*

WHEREAS by an act of General Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania, passed the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, entitled *An act to regulate the fishery in the river Schuylkill*,* the shad fisheries were put under certain regulations, that have been found to be very advantageous to the inhabitants residing near the said river: And as the said act is expired by its own limitation, and as the season for such fishery is approaching, such act ought to be in force:

* Ante. chap. 621. See also chap. 465. ante. p. 235. and the notes thereto subjoined.

II. Therefore, be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, That the act of General Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania, entitled *An Act to regulate the fishery in the river Schuylkill*, and every part, parcel, article, matter and clause, therein contained, are hereby declared to be in force and binding on all the inhabitants of this state; and all Justices, Constables and other officers, who may be in any wise concerned in the execution of the said act, are hereby strictly enjoined and required to yield obedience thereto, according to the duties of their several offices, and to do and perform all and singular the services and duties by the said act of them required to be done and performed, as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

The act to regulate the fishery, &c. continued,

III. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid act of General Assembly, and the regulations and restrictions therein mentioned, contained and comprised, shall be deemed, taken and construed to extend down the river Delaware as far as the Island called the Province Island extends, any thing in the said recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.

and shall extend to the Province Island.

Passed 14th March, 1777.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 92.

CHAPTER DCCXXXVII.

An ACT for establishing in the city of Philadelphia, and in each county of this state, an office for the probate and registering of wills, and granting letters of administration, and an office for the recording of deeds.

A CHANGE of government in the state of Pennsylvania having taken place, the powers of the several officers under the late government have thereby ceased, and become void: It therefore becomes necessary, for the security and well-being of this commonwealth, that an office of record, for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration, commonly called the Register's office, and an office of record, for recording of deeds, should be at all times kept in each city and county, as the present constitution directs:

[See ante. p. 33. chap. 133. and the notes thereto subjoined.]

III. And be it further enacted, That the persons herein and hereby appointed to the offices aforesaid, before they enter on the duties of their respective offices, shall severally take the oath or affirmation, The sums in which security is to be given by the several Re-