

1780. also recommended by the Supreme Executive Council of the State, as a measure of public benefit, to pass an act of indemnity and general pardon for the said offences :

All persons concerned in the tumult pardoned.

III. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted,* That all and every the person and persons, party and parties, engaged in the said tumult and breach of the peace, or who stand charged therewith, or with any offence arising therefrom, which is punishable by the laws of this commonwealth, by whatsoever name or names they are called or known, be and shall, and they are hereby, pardoned, released, indemnified and discharged, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

The pardon to be construed beneficially as to persons charged.

IV. *Be it also enacted,* That this free pardon, indemnity and oblivion, by the general words, clauses and sentences, before recited, shall be reputed, deemed, adjudged and expounded, in all courts and elsewhere, most beneficial and available to all and singular the subjects, persons and parties before mentioned, and to every of them, without any ambiguity, question or delay, to be made, pleaded or objected by this commonwealth, the Attorney-General thereof, or any person or persons acting under the authority thereof in their behalf. And also that this act shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be a public act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and other persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

Public act.

Passed 13th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 362.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXIII.

An ACT for incorporating the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge. (d)

Passed 15th March, 1780.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 363.

(d) For other acts respecting this institution, see chap. 968, 1136, 1202.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXIV.

An ACT to cure a defect in an act of Assembly, entitled An Act to confirm the estates and interests of the College, Academy and Charitable School of the city of Philadelphia, and to alter and amend the charters thereof, conformably to the revolution and the constitution of this commonwealth, and to erect the same into an University; and also an error in the date of another Act of Assembly, entitled A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering the same; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon.

WHEREAS in an act of Assembly, passed on the twenty-seventh day of November last, entitled, *An Act to confirm the estates*