

estates, and for ships or vessels, an half per centum; for wine, rum, sugar, coffee, tea, and all other groceries, sold by the pipe, hogshead, tierce, barrel, bag, chest or box, one and a quarter per centum; and for horses, cattle, and all other goods, wares and merchandizes, not before enumerated, or sold in smaller quantities than before mentioned, two and an half per centum. *Provided always*, That any person or persons may contract and agree with any of the said auctioneers to pay them for their services in the premises any less reward, which they may be willing to accept. 1782.

[SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That every of the said auctioneers, from and after the passing of this act, is hereby authorized, empowered and required to demand and receive, over and above the sum mentioned in the aforesaid act, to which this is a supplement, an additional one per centum of the gross amount of the sales by him made in pursuance of the said act, for the use of this commonwealth, except for ships or vessels, houses and lots; and shall account for and pay over the same to the State Treasurer, within the time and in the manner directed with respect to the one per centum imposed by the said act, under the penalty in the said act mentioned. Auctioneers to demand and receive an additional one per centum for the use of the commonwealth; [Reduced by the act of March, 27th, 1790 chap. 1483.]

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the several bonds given by the said auctioneers to the President, for the faithful performance of the duties of them required by the aforesaid act, shall be a security for the payment of the one per centum imposed by this act. and for the payment of which, their bonds to the President shall be a security.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the revenue arising from the sales by auction in the city of Philadelphia, the Northern-Liberties and the district of Southwark, from and after the passing of this act, shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the support of government, and the administration of justice within this commonwealth.* Revenues appropriated. [* See the note to chap. 908.]

Passed 13th April, 1782.—Recorded in Law Book No. I. page 521. (x)

(x) See the act to which this is a supplement, chap. 908, ante. vol. I. pa. 509, and the note thereto subjoined, which refers to all the laws passed on this subject. (*Note to former edition.*)

CHAPTER DCCCCLXVI.

An ACT for establishing ferries on the rivers Monongahela and Youghiogany.

[WILLIAM CRAWFORD authorized to establish a ferry over the river Youghiogany at Stewart's Crossings, and JOHN DEVOIR, executor, &c. of JACOBUS DEVOIR, on behalf of the orphan children of Jacobus Devoir, and JOSEPH PARKINSON authorized to establish a ferry over the river Monongahela, about thirty perches below the mouth of Pigeon creek.]

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said rivers, so far up as they or either of them have been or can be made navigable for rafts, boats and canoes, and within the Which rivers are declared to be public highways.

1782. bounds and limits of this state, shall be, and are hereby declared to be public highways.

Passed 13th April, 1782.—Recorded in Law Book No. I. page 522.

CHAPTER DCCCCLXVIII.

An ACT for vesting in the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge, the property therein mentioned, upon the conditions therein specified. (y)

Passed 15th April, 1782.—Private act.—Recorded in Law Book No. I. page 524.

(y) By this act, the property and monies of the Silk Society were transferred to the Philosophical Society, who are to be accountable, and re-deliver the same, whenever a majority of the subscribers to the Silk Society shall request it, in order to revive their institution.—For the incorporation of the Phi-

losophical Society, see an act of the 15th of March, 1780; and for the legislative grant of a lot in the State-house square, on which to erect a Philosophical Hall, see acts of the 28th of March, 1785, and 17th of March, 1786. (Note to former edition.)

CHAPTER DCCCCLXIX.

[Ante, chap. 472, vol. 1. pa. 240.]

An ACT to amend an act, entitled "An act to enable the owners of Schuylkill Point meadow land, in the county of Philadelphia, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expenses thereof."

Passed 15th April, 1782.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. I. page 525.

CHAPTER DCCCCLXX.

An ACT to vest a certain lot or lots of ground, in the district of Southwark, in trustees, for the use of a public landing, upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned, and other purposes. (z)

SECT. I. WHEREAS the inhabitants of the district of Southwark have been long desirous to procure a commodious lot or lots of ground, for the purpose of public landings and streets within the said district, and in pursuance of such desire Luke Morris, Thomas Penrose and James Penrose, did, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, purchase of John Jekyll three lots of ground, situate on the east side of Front-street, in the said district, and extending from thence across Penn-street and Water-street into the river Delaware, which said lots were conveyed to them, as joint tenants, in fee, by indenture, bearing date the twelfth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred

(z) See various acts relating to Southwark, passed the 26th of March, 1762, the 20th of September, 1782, the 29th of September, 1787, and the 4th

of October, 1788. See also chap. 481, vol. I. page 248, and the note there subjoined. (Note to former edition.)