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tend, to hinder any person or persons from selling, or exposing to sale, any sort of goods, wares or merchandize, in any public market or fair within this state, at any other time or times than is or are appointed by law for holding the same, or to hinder any person or persons from carrying about, from town to town, and from house to house, any goods, wares or merchandize, being of the growth, product or manufacture of this state, but that such person or persons may do therein, as they lawfully might have done before the making of this act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And if any person hawking, peddling or travelling, as aforesaid, except as before is excepted, shall refuse to produce and shew his or her licence to any civil officer upon demand, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings, for the uses aforesaid, to be recovered before any Justice of the peace, as debts under forty shillings are now recoverable.

Explanatory
clause.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the true intent and meaning of the proviso in this act contained is, and the same shall be so taken and construed that no person whatever, whether he or she be qualified according to this act or not, shall expose to sale in any of the public market places, within the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, or the township of the Northern-Liberties, or any of the county towns or boroughs within this state, or in the open streets or highways thereof, except at the times appointed by law, for holding fairs therein, any goods, wares or merchandize, other than the growth, produce and manufacture of this or the adjoining states, under the penalty of ten pounds, to be recovered in the manner, and for the uses, in this act contained.

Repealing
clause.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the act of General Assembly, entitled "An act for regulating pedlars, vendues, &c." passed on the fourteenth day of February, which was in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, (thirty)* so far as the same relates to pedlars, hawkers and petty chapmen, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

* Chap. 307,
vol. I. page
497.]

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CHAPTER MLXXX.

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An ACT for continuing the arch over the public common sewer of the city of Philadelphia, through the middle of the dock, and covering the same with earth, from Walnut-street to the foot bridge, and for raising a fund for defraying the expenses thereof, and for other purposes.

SECT. I. **WHEREAS** the space occupied by the north western branch of the dock, and the streets on each side thereof, was, by agreement between the first Proprietary and the settlers to whom the adjacent ground fell by lot, upon the partition of the city, left open, as well with the views of public benefit, by preserving a body of water in the city to extinguish fires, to keep open a drain for the land floods, and for landing places, as to private advantage, by in-

creasing the value of the remaining parts of the said lots, by the contiguous situation of the said dock: And whereas divers attempts have been made, as well at the expense of the owners of the said adjacent lots, as of the public, to keep the said dock in such order, as to answer the ends originally intended, but it has been found by experience, that the expense of cleaning the same, and keeping it in such order, is vastly greater than all the public and private benefits resulting from the landings thereon: And whereas the drain through the said dock, into the river, is, by the manner of regulating the streets of the city, become absolutely necessary to carry off the floods, which would otherwise overflow the most populous and central parts thereof, and by means of the filth and rubbish, which are carried by the rains from all quarters of the city into the dock, the same is nearly filled up, and has become a grievous nuisance, dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, and requires a speedy remedy: To remedy, therefore, these mischiefs,

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SECT. II. *Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the commissioners for paving the streets of the city of Philadelphia shall and they are hereby authorized and required, with all convenient expedition, to employ the necessary labourers, workmen and artificers, and to provide all requisite materials, and to cause a good substantial arch of brick, founded on strong stone walls, and floored with plank or logs, at least five inches thick, to be erected and turned along the middle, or near the middle, of the dock, which arch shall be at least nine feet wide, and of a height sufficient to give vent to the waters, and shall begin at the end of the present common sewer, at Walnut-street, and be extended southeastward, to the main branch of the dock, adjoining the public landing, and shall cause the earth over the same to be levelled, so as to form a public street or highway, which shall for ever hereafter be and remain open, for the public use, and shall be called and known by the name of **Dock-street.**

Commissioners for the city shall cause an arch of brick to be erected over the dock.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the regulators of the city of Philadelphia shall have power to determine all disputes with the adjacent land owners, concerning the width of the said Dock-street, and the commissioners aforesaid shall remove nuisances and obstructions therein, and generally exercise the same authority in all things, touching the same, as by the laws of this commonwealth they already have, or hereafter may have, touching the other streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia.

Regulators, their power to determine disputes.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the expenses attending the making the said common sewer, covering the same with earth, and making and regulating the said street, shall be raised, levied, collected and defrayed, in the same manner, as the monies are by law to be raised, levied and collected, for defraying the expense of regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the streets of the said city.

Expenses of making common sewer, &c. how to be raised.

SECT. V. And whereas the inhabitants of that part of Market and Fourth-streets, which is subject to a flood of water collected from various parts of the city in times of heavy rains, insomuch that

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the cellars are frequently overflowed, have sustained great loss of effects, and detriment to their health, occasioned by putrid exhalations from the same in the most sickly seasons, and the conduit being proved not large enough to carry off the redundant water, the nuisance is aggravated as the city increases, and the streets are regulated: And whereas it is just and reasonable that the said inhabitants should be relieved: For remedy whereof,

Street commissioners authorized to enlarge the arch.

SECT. VI. *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said street commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to enlarge the arch from Market, or High-street, where it may be requisite, to allow a free passage for the redundant water, in such manner as shall remedy the evil aforesaid effectually.

SECT. VII. *Provided always,* That the monies raised, or to be raised, for the purposes aforesaid, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand pounds.

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CHAPTER MLXXXIII.

An ACT for opening the Land-Office, for granting and disposing of the unappropriated lands within this state.

SECT. I. **WHEREAS** the estates of the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania were, by a law, passed the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, vested in this commonwealth: And whereas, by a subsequent law passed the ninth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, the Land-Office was opened, for the completing all such titles as had commenced before the tenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and inasmuch as it is just that all the citizens of this state, holding lands, should be placed on the same footing, with respect to their titles, and the legal demands of government, and the time being now come when it appears necessary, not only to increase the population of this state, but to enable government to draw every possible advantage from the estates so vested in them:

SECT. II. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the Land-Office shall be opened, for the lands already purchased from the Indians, on the first day of July next, at the rate of ten pounds for every hundred acres, with the usual fees of granting, surveying and patenting, excepting such tracts as shall be surveyed westward of the Allegheny mountain, which shall be three pounds ten shillings, and no more; and that the several officers of the Land-Office are hereby fully empowered and directed to do and perform every act and thing incident, or in any wise appertaining, to their said offices, with respect to receiving, filing and entering locations, granting warrants on the same, receiving the consideration, directing copies of warrants, or other rights, receiving returns, and issuing patents of confirmation, as heretofore, agreeable to the former customs and usages of the said offices.

Land-Office to be opened on the 1st of July, 1784.