

[SECT. XVII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1785. That the said Secretary, Surveyor-General and Receiver-General, shall collect the said fees so assigned to their several offices respectively, and shall once in every three months account for the same upon oath or affirmation, and pay the monies thence arising to the Treasurer of this commonwealth, for the use of the commonwealth; and the said officers shall be entitled to the salaries herein after set forth and declared, to be paid to each of them quarterly, as the same shall become due, upon orders to be drawn by the President or Vice-President in Council, on the Treasurer of this state, out of the fees aforesaid; that is to say, to the Secretary of the Land-Office, the yearly sum of eight hundred pounds; to the Surveyor-General, the yearly sum of eight hundred pounds; to the Receiver-General, the yearly sum of eight hundred pounds; the same to continue two years, from and after the first day of May next; and that each of the officers aforesaid be further allowed a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds per annum for his clerk or clerks, besides a reasonable allowance for parchment, and other articles of stationary.]

The fees to be collected and paid over to the Treasurer by the respective officers.

Their salaries, and allowance for clerks.

[Altered and supplied.]

SECT. XVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all the land within the late purchase from the Indians, not heretofore assigned to any other particular county, shall be taken and deemed, and they are hereby declared, to be within the limits of the counties of Northumberland and Westmoreland, and that from the Kittanning up the Allegheny, to the mouth of Conewago creek, and from thence up said creek to the northern line of this state, shall be the line, between Northumberland and Westmoreland counties, in the aforesaid late purchase.

Lands in the new purchase assigned to the jurisdiction of certain counties.

Boundary between Northumberland and Westmoreland.

[Altered by the erection of new counties.]

Passed 8th April, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 531.

CHAPTER MCLIV.

An ACT to vest the personal estate of the late Corporation of the Mayor and Commonalty of the city of Philadelphia in the Wardens of the said city; and to direct the immediate sale of the old gaol and work-house of the county of Philadelphia, and to appropriate the said personal estate, and part of the monies to arise from the sale of the said gaol and work-house, to the building of two court-houses, one for the said city, the other for the said county, on the State-house lot, in the said city, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (x)

SECT. VI. AND whereas, in and by the act of General Assembly, passed in the late province of Pennsylvania, on the seven-

(x) By the operation of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th sections of this act, all the obligations and mortgages belonging to the old Corporation of the city of Philadelphia were vested in the corporation of the Wardens of the city, with power to recover these and all other monies due to the Mayor, &c. and to give proper releases and acquittances, upon payment of the same, but the debtors were allowed the indul-

gence of paying by instalments, agreeably to the act of the 22d of December, 1784 (See chap. 1112.) But by the act, of the 11th of March, 1789, for incorporating the city of Philadelphia, the authority of the Wardens of the city was extinguished, and the corporate estate and rights vested in the new Corporation.—See that act, and the acts there cited; and also see chap. 1090. (Note to former edition.)

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 tenth day of February, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An Act for vesting the State-house and other public buildings, with the lots of ground whereon the same are erected, together with other lots situated in the city of Philadelphia, in trustees, for the uses therein mentioned;" it is declared in substance, that, upon the payment of fifty pounds for the use of the said province, one lot of ground, parcel of the said State-house lot, of the breadth of fifty feet on Chesnut-street, and of the length of seventy-three feet on Sixth-street, being the north-western corner of the said State-house lot, should be and remain to the use of the county of Philadelphia; and that upon payment of fifty pounds for the use of the said province, one other lot of ground, also parcel of the said State-house lot, of the breadth of fifty feet on Chesnut-street, and of the length or depth of seventy-three feet on Fifth-street, being the north-east corner of the said State-house lot, should be and remain to the use of the city of Philadelphia, with intent and purpose, that a public building should be erected on each of them, for holding of courts or common halls, for the use of the said city and of the said county, respectively, and that the said building should be made and constructed of like outward form or structure and dimensions.

SECT. VII. And whereas the said State-house, together with the adjoining lot and piece of ground thereunto appertaining, by an act of General Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled (*) "An Act for vesting the State-house, in the city of Philadelphia, the house in High-street, in the said city, appropriated to the use of the President of the Supreme Executive Council, for the time being, the Province-Island, and Great Mud-Island, the military barracks in the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, and in the northern part of the borough of Lancaster, the public store-house and magazine for securing gun-powder in the said borough; the several court-houses, gaols, prisons and work-houses of the several counties of this state, and all other real estate belonging to the public, in the commonwealth," was transferred from Samuel Rhoads and Edward Pennington, who survived the rest of the trustees aforesaid, was thereby vested in the commonwealth, subject to the several uses, intents, trusts, dispositions, and direction, for which the same had been theretofore appointed and limited, and to no other, and saving to all private persons, and bodies politic, their claims to the same, or any part thereof.

SECT. VIII. And whereas it appears to this House, that the commissioners for the county of Philadelphia, in behalf of said county, and the Wardens of the city of Philadelphia, on behalf of said city, have complied with the terms aforesaid, and have respectively paid to the Treasurer of this state the said sums of fifty pounds each, whereby the one described lot, the corner of Sixth and Chesnut-streets, and State-house square, is hereby vested in the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, and their successors; and the other before described lot in the Wardens of the city, and their successors, for ever, for the respective uses and purposes aforesaid, and it is proper that the court-houses designed to be erected thereon should be built: (y) Therefore,

(y) By an act of the 29th day of March, 1787, the lots were enlarged.

Passed
 28th of Fe-
 bruary,
 1780.]

[SECT. IX. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1785.
 That the President or Vice-President in Council, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, direct the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia to set up to sale, and to sell by public auction, to the best and highest bidder, the old gaol and work-house of the county of Philadelphia, situate on High-street, and extending southerly by the west side of Third-street, in the said city, and the lot of ground thereto belonging, upon such terms of payment as they shall see convenient, and to receive the consideration money, and pay into the hands of the commissioners or trustees appointed for purchasing a lot of ground, and for erecting thereon a court-house and prison in and for the county of Montgomery, such part thereof as is apportioned and appropriated for that purpose, in and by an act of Assembly, passed the tenth of September last past, entitled (z) "An Act for erecting part of the county of Philadelphia into a separate county," (which said commissioners or trustees shall lay their accounts of the expenditures thereof before the Grand Jury of the said county of Montgomery, for their approbation and confirmation, and shall pay the overplus, if any, into the hands of the Treasurer of said county,) and to apply such further sum of said consideration money, not exceeding three thousand pounds in the whole, to the purpose of erecting the court-house aforesaid, on the north-west corner of the said State-house lot; and the residue of the money which shall arise from the sale of the said old gaol, work-house, and the lots thereto belonging, shall be added to, and expended as part of the public stock of the county of Philadelphia; and upon payment of the full price and consideration for the said lots sold as aforesaid, the President or Vice-President, in Council, shall execute deeds under the great seal, vesting in buyers of the same, or any part thereof, estates in fee-simple, subject to an irredeemable rent of an acorn per annum, for ever, payable, if demanded, to the commonwealth.

The old gaol and work-house to be sold.

The proceeds to be applied, part to the use of Montgomery county.

Part not exceeding £. 3000, to erect a county court-house in Philadelphia;

and the residue to be added to the stock of Philadelphia county.

Deeds to be executed to purchasers.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That the Wardens of the city of Philadelphia, of the monies which shall come into their hands out of the personal estate of the late Mayor and Commonalty of Philadelphia, as aforesaid, together with all interest which has or which shall accrue thereon, shall apply a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds, to the erecting a court-house on the north-eastern corner of the said State-house lot as aforesaid; and if the same personal estate shall fall short of completing the said building, such sums as shall be necessary shall be taken out of the common stock of the said city, in the hands of the Treasurer of the said Wardens; and after finishing the said building, if any of the monies arising as aforesaid shall be left, the same shall be added to the said common stock, and applied therewith to the same uses.

£. 3000, out of the personal estate of the late Corporation, to be applied to erect a City Hall.

Deficiency in that fund how to be supplied;

or, if a surplus, how appropriated.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, and the

Plans of the court-house

(z) See chap. 1097, an act of the 13th of September, 1785, providing more effectually for the sale of the old gaol, &c. and an act of the 27th day of

March, 1789, authorizing a lottery, in aid of the funds for building a City-Hall.

1785. Wardens of the said city, shall submit the plans, whereby the said court-houses shall be erected, to the approbation of the President or Vice-President in Council, in order that their outward forms may be alike and uniform, as aforesaid.]

and City-Hall to be submitted to the Executive.

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CHAPTER MCLVI.

An ACT for establishing the office of a Register of all German passengers, who shall arrive at the port of Philadelphia, and of all indentures by which any of them shall be bound servants for their freight, and of the assignments of such servants in the city of Philadelphia. (a)

SECT. I. WHEREAS, by several acts of Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania, all masters of vessels, merchants and others, importing by land or by water, any men or women passengers or servants, are obliged, within the space of twenty-four hours after their arrival, to make entry, and give or cause to be given, upon oath or affirmation, to the officer for that purpose appointed, a true and just account of all the names of the servants and passengers so imported, which account the said officer should duly enter with the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, if such passengers were designed to be landed at Philadelphia: And that the said Mayor should examine into the character and circumstances of such servants and passengers, and grant certificates, containing the names of all the servants or passengers which he should judge fit to be landed: And that every indenture, whereby any such German passenger should be bound to serve his or her master or mistress, should be acknowledged before the Mayor or Recorder of the city of Philadelphia, and he keep an exact record thereof, clearly expressing the province, county, city, borough or township, wherein such master or mistress resides, and that the said Mayor and Recorder in the said city should in like manner keep a record of the assignments of servants, therein expressing the places of the assignees abode:

SECT. II. And whereas, since the change of the government of Pennsylvania, the offices of Mayor and Recorder of the city of Philadelphia have been vacated, and the Justices of the Peace of the said city collectively, or any three of them, by an act of this commonwealth,* are empowered to do and perform certain special matters and things, formerly directed to be done and performed by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said city; but no provision has been hitherto made by law for registering the names of the German passengers, who shall arrive at the port of Philadelphia, and taking the acknowledgment of the indentures of such

[*Act of 13th March, 1777, chap. 235.]

(a) The revival of the corporation, laws referred to in the preamble, see by the act of the 11th of March, 1789, an act of the 27th of January, 1749 50. does not appear to affect the establishment of the Register's office. For the and an act of the 18th of May, 1765.