

CHAPTER MCLIX.

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A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An act for building market-houses; and keeping a public market, on both sides of Callowhill-street and New Market-street, in the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia.

SECT. I. WHEREAS, by an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act for building market-houses, and keeping a public market, on both sides of Callowhill-street and New Market-street, in the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia," passed on the sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, it is, among other things, enacted, "That it shall and may be lawful for the freeholders and inhabitants of the Northern-Liberties of the said city of Philadelphia, annually, until all the money borrowed on certificates shall be fully paid, at the time and place for electing supervisors of the highway, then and there to choose, by ballot, six superintendants of the said Callowhill market, and also one clerk of the said market."

[Original act,
ante chap.
1017, pa. 56.]

SECT. II. And whereas the present superintendants of the said market, and others, subscribers for building the said market, have, by their petition, represented to this House, "That at the time when the aforesaid act was passed, they flattered themselves that an establishment of such public utility would meet with the general approbation of the inhabitants of the said township, and that every one would be ready to assist and forward the design, either by donations, or loans, according to their respective abilities, and thereby become entitled to a right in the choice of the superintendants; but that they are under the disagreeable necessity of informing this House, that they did not meet with the expected success, that the number of subscribers is but small, and that, in order to complete the said market, the present superintendants were obliged to build three fourth parts thereof at their own expense, by reason whereof they are considerable sums in advance to the said establishment; that, by the aforesaid law, the appointment of the superintendants would expire on the third Saturday of March in every year, when others were to be elected in their stead, agreeably to the tenor of the said law, on which occasion it might happen, that the choice might fall on persons who were not friendly to the establishment aforesaid, and from motives of self-interest, or other sinister views, delay the distribution of the income and profits of the said market, among the lenders or subscribers, whereby the good purposes intended by the said act would be frustrated, and those persons, who freely lent their money for the public good, prejudiced;" and have prayed this House to pass a law, enabling the subscribers to appoint the superintendants, and a clerk of the said market, until all the money borrowed on certificates shall be fully paid and satisfied, and to repeal so much of the aforesaid act, as relates to the election of the superintendants and a clerk of the market, until all the money borrowed on certificates, as aforesaid, shall be fully paid: And it appearing just and reasonable to this House, that the said prayer should be granted: Therefore,

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The subscribers to the Callowhill market empowered to elect superintendants and a clerk of the market, till the money borrowed for the building is paid; after which two superintendants and the other officers to be chosen by the freeholders,

SECT. III. *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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the subscribers for building the market-houses on Callowhill and New Market-streets, in the Northern-Liberties aforesaid, to meet on the third Saturday of March, in every year, at some convenient place in the said township, and then and there elect or appoint out of their number six fit persons, to serve as superintendants of the said market, and one fit person as a clerk of the said market, so long, until by the income and profits of the said market all the money borrowed on certificates, or is otherwise due to the present superintendants and workmen, for building the said market, shall be fully paid and satisfied; and that thereafter, and from thenceforth, no more than two superintendants, a clerk of the market, and one treasurer, shall be annually elected by the freeholders and electors of the said township of the Northern-Liberties, agreeably to the directions of the aforesaid act.

Suspension of a part of the former law, for the above purpose,

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the act of Assembly, to which this is a supplement, as relates to the electing annually six superintendants and one clerk of the market, until all the money borrowed on certificates be fully paid, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and made void.

Passed 31st of August, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 549.

CHAPTER MCLXI.

An ACT for confirming a road and establishing a ferry, and erecting a bridge across the Neshaminy creek.

SECT. I. WHEREAS Charles Bessonet, of the borough of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, and Gershom Johnson, of the city of Philadelphia, proprietors of the stages from Philadelphia to Trenton, on the New-York road, by their petition to the legislature, have set forth, "That being actuated by principles of public good, as well as their own private advantage, they have made a purchase of land for a public road or highway, forty feet wide, beginning at the sixteen mile stone, on the road already laid out from the city of Philadelphia, to the borough of Bristol, in Bucks county, and from thence, along the old road, north forty-seven degrees east, forty perches, to the intersection of the present road leading to Neshaminy ferry, and the south west line of Joshua Vandegrift's land; thence, on the same land, north forty-seven degrees east, ninety-four perches; thence north twenty-six degrees east, fifty-four perches, to the north east line of said Vandegrift's land; thence, through land of William Allen, north seventy-two degrees and a quarter east, eighty-eight perches and eight tenth parts of a perch; thence, still through the same land, south seventy degrees east, eight perches, to the water's edge at Neshaminy creek, at high water mark; thence across the said Neshaminy creek, south seventy-six degrees and three quarters east, twenty-one perches, to high water mark, and a poplar tree on