

1787. elections, by this act established, or newly regulated, shall be obliged to do their duties respectively and severally, and under like penalties and forfeitures, as those which by the act aforesaid are imposed on similar neglects, omissions and breaches of duty, by the same act.

Passed 10th of September, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 320.

CHAPTER MCCXCI.

An ACT for the future endowment of the Pittsburg Academy. (c)

Passed 10th September, 1787.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 331.

(c) The academy was instituted by an act of the 28th day of Feb'y, 1787, (ante. chap. 1253,) and by the above act was endowed with 5000 acres of land. (Note to former edition)

CHAPTER MCCXCII.

An ACT to incorporate the German Lutheran congregation in the borough of Reading, in the county of Berks.

Passed 10th September, 1787.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 322.

CHAPTER MCCXCIV.

An ACT to confirm and amend the charter of incorporation of the United Swedish Lutheran churches of Wicacoa, Kingsessing and Upper Merion, called Gloria Dei, Saint James's, and Christ-church.

Passed 10th September, 1787.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 254.

CHAPTER MCCXCV.

An ACT to empower the Supreme Executive Council to lay out a town, and otherwise to apportion the lands contained in the tract of land reserved to the use of the state, by the act, entitled "An act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation, given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representatives, and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned, for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally at the end of the war."

SECT. I. WHEREAS, by the act of Assembly passed the twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven

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hundred and eighty-three, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation, given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, and for other purposes in the said act mentioned, a certain tract of land was reserved to the use of the state, "containing, (as in the said act is expressed,) three thousand acres, in an oblong of not less than one mile in depth from the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, and extending up and down the said rivers, from opposite Fort-Pitt, so far as may be necessary to include the same." And whereas it appears that a sale of the said tract, if laid out and disposed of to the best advantage, will furnish a considerable sum of money towards discharging the debts due by this state: Therefore, to attain the said end in the most serviceable manner to the state,

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 President or Vice-President in Council are hereby empowered to cause to be laid out and surveyed, a town, in lots, with a competent and suitable number of out-lots, for the accommodation thereof, in the said tract, and to cause to be laid out and surveyed the residue of the said tract, in lots, which last mentioned lots shall not be less than one acre, nor more than ten acres each.

The executive authorized to lay out a town in the reserved tract in the depreciation lands;

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That upon the return of such surveys, which are hereby directed to be made to the President or Vice-President in Council, they shall, and are hereby authorized to sell the whole of the said lots, as they shall think most to the advantage of the state, and to convey the same.

and, upon return of the surveys, to sell and convey the lots.

SECT. IV. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the President or Vice-President in Council shall reserve, out of the lots of the said town, for the use of the state, so much land as they shall deem necessary for a court-house, gaol and market-house, for places of public worship, and for burying the dead, and without the said town, one hundred acres, for a common pasture; and the streets, lanes and alleys of the said town and out-lots shall be common highways for ever; and that the sale of the said lots and out-lots herein mentioned, or of any of the said lots or out-lots, shall be made in the town of Pittsburg, or in the city of Philadelphia, at the discretion of the Council, and, previous to the sale or sales in either place, notice shall be given in such newspapers of the said city, as they shall think proper, and also in the Pittsburg Gazette, of such sale, at least sixty days previous to such sale or sales.

Lots for public uses to be reserved.

Places and times of sale.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the President or Vice-President in Council is hereby empowered to draw an order or orders on the Treasurer of this state, to defray the cost and charges of surveying, advertising and selling the

Expenses how to be defrayed.

1787. lands aforesaid, to be paid by the Treasurer, out of the unappropriated public monies in his hands.

Passed 11th September, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book No. III.

(d) By an act of the 24th of Sept'r, 1783, the trustees for Allegheny county were authorized to choose any of the lots set apart for public buildings, in the reserved tract opposite to Pittsburg, as a site for a court-house and prison;

but that part of the act was repealed on the 13th of April, 1791, and the trustees directed to purchase a lot in Pittsburg, for the use of the county. (*Note to former edition.*)

CHAPTER MCCXCVII.

An ACT to incorporate the Upper Presbyterian congregation of Marsh creek, in the county of York.

Passed 13th September, 1787—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 313.

CHAPTER MCCXCIX.

An ACT to divide Washington county into election districts.

SECT. I. WHEREAS, by the eighteenth section of the constitution, it is provided, that each county at its own choice may be divided into districts, hold elections therein, and elect their representatives in the county, and their other elective officers: And as a division of the county of Washington would contribute to the ease and convenience of the good citizens thereof, in holding their annual elections:

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 from and after the ninth day of October next, the elections of the county of Washington, which is divided into six districts, shall be held in six places; to wit, the freemen of the county within the following bounds, beginning at the mouth of Ten Mile Creek, and up the same to the head of David Gray's branch, and thence to the nearest head of Wheeling creek, and down said creek to the state line, thence along said line to Monongahela river, thence down said river to the place of beginning, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the house of Jacob Cline, on Muddy creek; the freemen of the following bounds, beginning at the mouth of Peter's creek, and up the same to the head of the south fork thereof, thence along the dividing ridge, which divides the waters of Monongahela river, and Chartiers creek, to the great road leading from Redstone ferry to Washington, near Martin Dagger's, thence by a straight line to David Enoch's mill, on the north fork of Ten Mile creek, thence by a south line to the principal south fork of said creek, thence with the line of the first district down said creek to Monongahela river, thence down said river to the place of beginning, be-

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