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Two additional auctioneers to be licensed;

to give bond in £. 2000 each;

and to possess like powers, and subject to like penalties, as former auctioneers.

Duties on sales at auction one per cent.

shall and may be lawful for the President or Vice-President in Council to appoint and license two additional auctioneers, one for the city of Philadelphia, and one for the Northern-Liberties, for the sale of estates real and personal within the same respectively, who shall continue in office for and during the will and pleasure of the said President and Council, and shall severally give bond to the President and his successors, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the sum of two thousand pounds, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their and every of their respective duties, and for well and truly performing the terms and payments in and by this act, and the several acts of General Assembly to which this is a supplement, directed and required; and the said auctioneers, who shall be appointed and licensed in pursuance of this act, shall severally and respectively have and possess, within the said city and Northern-Liberties, townships and district, respectively, the like powers and exclusive authorities, and be under the like regulations, provisions and restrictions, and subject to the like pains and penalties, which the auctioneers within the said city, townships and district, respectively, had, possessed or were subject to, before the passing of this act, within their respective districts.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, the duties to be paid to the treasury of this commonwealth, on the sale of all goods, wares and merchandize, by public auction, shall be one *per centum*, and more.

Passed 27th March, 1790.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 82.

CHAPTER MCCCCLXXXIV.

An ACT to provide for the safety of the records of the several counties in this commonwealth, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. I. WHEREAS the safety of the papers and records belonging to or in the custody of the Prothonotaries, Registers and Recorders of the several counties of this commonwealth, is an object of great importance to the good citizens thereof:

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 commissioners of each county of this commonwealth, with the approbation of the Justices of the county court of Quarter Sessions and Grand Jury of their respective counties, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be erected a suitable building or buildings of brick or stone, on the most safe and secure plan to avoid the ravages of fire, at the place appointed by law for holding the courts in their respective counties for the reception and safe keeping of the records and other papers belonging to and in the custody of the Prothonotary of the county court of Common Pleas, the Clerk of the county court of Quarter Sessions, the

Buildings to be erected in each county, for safe keeping of the records,

Clerk of the Orphans' court, the Recorder of deeds, and the Register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration, of their respective counties. 1790.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the several officers before mentioned, upon due notice from the commissioners of the respective counties, as soon as such suitable buildings shall have been constructed, as aforesaid, in their respective counties, shall be, and they are hereby required to deposit and keep the records and papers belonging to their respective offices in the said buildings, under the penalty of two hundred pounds, to be recovered by action of debt, bill or information, the one half to be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which such courts shall be respectively held, and applied to the payment for or repairing of the buildings herein directed to be erected, the other half to the use of him or her who shall sue for the same.

SECT. IV. And whereas suitors and others, having business to transact at the different public offices in the several counties of this commonwealth, are frequently subject to great delays, trouble and inconvenience, by reason of the several public offices being held at a distance from each other, and it is just and reasonable that those persons who hold public offices of trust and profit should accommodate their residence to the ease and convenience of the public: And whereas some time may elapse before the buildings herein before directed may be prepared for the reception and safe keeping of the records and papers aforesaid: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That, from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, as well the officers herein mentioned, as the Sheriff of each respective county, shall keep their offices in such town or place, as is or shall be by law established for holding the courts for such counties, under the penalty of two hundred pounds, to be recovered by action of debt, bill or information, the one half to be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which such courts shall respectively be held, and applied to the payment for, or repairs of, the buildings herein directed to be erected, the other half thereof to the use of him or her who shall sue for the same.

Passed 27th March, 1790.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 77. (d)

(d) By the third section of the fourth article of the Constitution, it is declared that all county officers shall keep their offices in the county town of their respective counties, "unless when the Governor shall, for special reasons, dispense therewith for any term, not exceeding five years after the county shall have been erected." (Note to former edition.)

CHAPTER MCCCCLXXXV.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the act of Assembly, entitled "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within the province of Pennsylvania." [See vol. 1, pa. 181, chap. 315, and the notes thereto, for a reference to all the laws on this subject.]

SECT. I. IN order to remedy several defects and inconveniences in the laws now in force within this state, for the purpose of granting relief to insolvent debtors: