

CHAPTER MDXXI.

1791.

An ACT to enjoin certain duties on the secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes.

SECT. I. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following duties be enjoined on the secretary of the commonwealth, in addition to those prescribed in the constitution. First, he shall keep the great and less seal of the state, and affix them, respectively, as the case may require, to all public instruments, to which the attestation of the governor's signature now is or shall hereafter be required by law. Secondly, He shall collect and pay over to the state treasurer, [quarterly,] the fees heretofore usually collected by the Secretary of the late Supreme Executive Council. Third, All bonds and recognizances, which now are, or hereafter shall be, by law directed to be given to this commonwealth, for the faithful discharge of any office, commission or public trust, shall be taken by the Secretary, in the name of the commonwealth, for the uses in the same respectively expressed, the sureties therein to be approved by the governor, [except in the cases of bonds and recognizances given by sheriffs and coroners, and their sureties, which shall be in double the amount heretofore by law required, and the competency of the sureties shall be submitted to the justices of the Courts of Common Pleas of their respective counties, or to any two or more of them, for that purpose convened, for their approbation, which approbation being confirmed by the governor, bonds or recognizances, conformably to the laws of this commonwealth, shall be taken by the recorder of deeds for the county, from the person commissioned by the Governor, and his sureties, previous to such person's entering upon the duties of his office, which bonds and recognizances, after being duly entered in the office of the said recorder of deeds, shall be by him transmitted to the secretary, and by the said secretary filed in his office, copies of which bonds or recognizances, under the hand and seal of the said Secretary, or under the hand and seal of the recorder of deeds, in whose office the originals are recorded and filed, shall be admitted as legal evidence in any suit or suits that shall be brought thereon, against the obligors or cognizers, their heirs, executors or administrators.] Fourth, The books, papers and accounts of the secretary shall be open to the inspection and examination of committees of each branch of the legislature, and the Secretary shall furnish such copies or abstracts, therefrom, as may from time to time be required.

SECT. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Secretary shall give bond to the Governor, for the use of the commonwealth, for the due and faithful performance of the several trusts to him committed, himself in the sum of one thousand pounds and two sufficient sureties in the sum of five hundred pounds each, which bonds, shall be duly acknowledged, and entered of record in the rolls-office.

The secretary to keep and affix the state seal, &c.

[Now monthly, see note.]
To pay the fees of his office to the treasurer.

To take all official bonds, except in cases of sheriffs and coroners.

[Supplied by act of 28th of March, 1803 chap. 235s.]

How sheriffs books, &c. are to be approved.

where recorded.

To be filed in the secretary's office.

Authenticated copies, &c.

The secretary's books, &c. to be open to committees of the legislature, &c.
The secretary to give bond, with two sureties.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1791.

That the Secretary shall have a deputy, to be by him appointed, with the approbation of the governor, and the said deputy shall be removable by the said Secretary, whenever he shall think it expedient.

The secretary to employ a deputy, &c.

[SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Secretary shall receive, during his continuance in office, at the rate of five hundred pounds per annum, and the said deputy shall receive, during his continuance in office, at the rate of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.] (1)

Salary of the secretary and his deputy.

Passed 12th March, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 134

(1) The duties of the Secretary in collecting and distributing the laws and resolutions of each session of the legislature, are prescribed by the act of 4th of April, 1792, (chap. 1623, § 1, 2.)

§ 3. As often as there shall be a number of laws sufficient to form a volume of a convenient size, he shall cause a concise and complete Index to be made of the contents of such laws, which index shall be printed and included in the pamphlets containing the acts of the last Session, that are comprised in the volumes respectively, and he shall cause a certain number of the volumes to be neatly bound and lettered and distributed in a prescribed manner.

§ 4. He shall prefix to each volume, an attestation under his hand, that he has collated the laws contained therein with the original rolls in the rolls office, and corrected the same thereby.

The Secretary of the commonwealth directed to file the recognizances and bonds of sheriffs and coroners and their sureties in his office, when transmitted to him by the recorder of the proper county; and copies thereof, under his hand and seal of office, shall be legal evidence. Act of 28th March, 1803, (chap. 2355.)

The Secretary of the commonwealth to execute deeds to purchasers of John Nicholson's property, from the commissioners, and his duties therein prescribed. Act of 19th of March, 1807, (chap. 2774.)

The manner in which the Secretary shall distribute the English Journals of the legislature prescribed. Act of 11th of April, 1807, (chap. 2855.)

The distribution of the German Journals was directed by resolution of 7th of April, 1807.

By the 6th section of another act passed 11th of April, 1807, (chap. 2857,) it is made the duty of the Secretary of the commonwealth, to sign all tavern and marriage licences.

No extra allowance beyond the stated salary shall be allowed to the Secretary of the commonwealth for making indexes and marginal notes to the laws of each session. Act of 13th April, 1807, (chap. 2861.)

By the new arrangement of the land office, by act of 29th of March, 1809. All the books, papers and other documents, which were in the office of the master of the rolls, containing the records of, or relative to the enrolment of laws, or other acts of the legislature, are directed to be delivered to the Secretary of the commonwealth, and be by him deposited in his office, § 2.

§ 4. The powers and duties of the master of the rolls so far as the same relate to the laws, resolutions, acts and proceedings of the legislature, shall be transferred to and performed under the direction of the Secretary of the commonwealth, and the fees accruing thereon, together with all other fees received in his office, shall be paid into the state treasury, and accounted for monthly by him, with the Auditor-General.

§ 7. The Secretary of the commonwealth is constituted a member of the board of property.

By act of 30th of March, 1811, the Secretary of the commonwealth shall sign the blanks issued by him for tavern licences, and cause to be marked thereon, the county and term for which they are issued, and make report quarter yearly to the Auditor-General of the number issued, designating the county and term for which they were issued. § 19. And

By § 25. He shall make report quarter yearly to the Auditor-General of all remissions of fines granted by the Governor. And see the 15th section of the second article of the existing constitution.

The Secretary of the commonwealth shall give information to the legislature, from time to time, of investments of public monies made by the Governor, in pursuance of the act of 20th March, 1810.

For the fees receivable by the Secretary, see act of 20th of April, 1795, (chap. 1852,) and of the master of the rolls. *ib.*

The salary of the Secretary was increased to \$ 2000, by act of 4th of April, 1796, (chap. 1887,) which salary still continues by act of 4th of April, 1798, (chap. 1995.)

The Deputy Secretary's salary was increased to \$ 1200, by act of 4th April.

1791. 1796, (chap. 1886,) which salary is per- See the general index—title. "Secre-
 manently fixed by act of 25th of Feb'y, tary of the commonwealth."
 1803, (chap. 2325.)

CHAPTER MDXXXIII.

[Original act
 vol. 3, pa.
 702, chap.
 1433.]

A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act to enable the own-
 ers and possessors of meadow-land, situate in the precinct of
 Richmond, in the township of the Northern-Liberties, to keep the
 banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates, in repair."

Passed 16th March, 1791.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV.
 page 137.

CHAPTER MDXXVIII.

An ACT to establish a ferry over Swatara creek, near the town of
 Williamsburgh, in the county of Dauphin, and for vesting the
 right in Christian Seltzer, his heirs and assigns.

[CHRISTIAN SELTZER authorized to erect a ferry over
 Swatara creek, on the main road leading from Reading through
 Williamsburgh, in the county of Dauphin; subject to such rules,
 rates and regulations as the legislature may in future direct and ap-
 point; but not to have a right to use the landings of other persons
 without their consent. The said ferry to be at all times kept and
 maintained in good order and repair.]

Passed 28th March, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 141.

CHAPTER MDXXX.

An ACT for establishing a nightly watch, providing lamps, and
 supporting pumps, for public use, at a common charge, within a
 certain part of the township of the Northern-Liberties of the city
 of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of that part of the township of
 the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, which lies be-
 tween the middle of Fourth-street and the river Delaware, and be-
 tween Vine-street and Pegg's run, have, by their petition to the
 legislature, represented, that from the increase of population, build-
 ings and improvements, great inconveniences are sustained, which
 are likely to increase, from the want of proper regulations in respect
 to lighting and watching their streets by night, and supporting, at a
 common charge a suitable number of pumps, within the said divi-
 sion of the Northern-Liberties :

SECT. 1. Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Re-
 presentatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General As-
 sembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,

Electors to
 choose as-
 sistants.

That the freeholders and taxable inhabitants of that part of the
 township of the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia,
 which lies between the middle of Fourth-street and the river Dela-
 ware, and between Vine-street and Pegg's-run, shall meet on the
 last Monday in April, at the house now occupied by John Strickler,
 and shall then and there elect, by majority of votes, two persons,