

Philadelphia shall have and receive the annual sum of five hundred dollars, in quarterly payments, in lieu of all fees from the county stock, for his care, trouble and services, and that of his assistant or assistants in the said office, on orders to be drawn, from time to time, by the commissioners of Philadelphia county, on the treasurer of that county. 1792.

debtors apartment: how to be paid.

SECT. IV. And whereas it may be necessary that alterations be made in the debtors apartment, in order to render the same convenient: *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia are hereby authorized, to make such alterations in the said debtors apartment as they shall judge necessary, provided the expense of the said alterations does not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars, which expense shall be paid by orders to be drawn by the commissioners on the treasurer of the said county.

Alterations to be made in the debtors apartments.

SECT. V. And whereas it may not be practicable at present to extend all the provisions that are herein made for the debtors confined in the debtors apartment in the city of Philadelphia, to all the gaols of the several counties in this commonwealth: Therefore, in order to prevent the want of the common necessities of life to such persons as are or may be confined for debt in the several gaols of the different counties, *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the courts of common pleas in the several counties of this commonwealth be, and they are hereby, empowered and enjoined to make the like allowance and provision for fuel and blankets, for the use of such of the debtors confined in the gaols of their respective counties, as are incapable of obtaining them by reason of his or her poverty, the charges of such provision for the said debtors, respectively, to be paid by the treasurer of the county, out of the county stock, under orders of the commissioners of the said county, who are hereby directed to draw such orders, from time to time, on certificates of the said courts; and the said courts shall make an allowance, not exceeding seven cents per day, for food, to each of such poor debtors as is incapable of supporting him or herself, the said latter allowance to be paid weekly by the plaintiff or plaintiffs, at whose suit or suits such debtor is confined; and the neglect or refusal of payment of such allowance, by or on behalf of such plaintiff or plaintiffs, on every Monday, after notice given thereof by the said courts to the said plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her, or their attorney, or agent or agents, shall operate as a discharge from confinement of such poor debtor.

Allowance of necessities to confined debtors how to be made.

The charge how payable.

A weekly allowance to be paid by plaintiffs;

and in case of neglect the prisoner discharged.

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CHAPTER MDCXXVIII.

An ACT to provide for printing, publishing, and distributing the laws of this commonwealth, and to direct a proper index to be made of the records of the executive department.

WHEREAS it is the duty of those who are entrusted with the administration of the public affairs, to make an early and accurate

(Ante. pa. 8, post. chap. 1655.)

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rate communication of their proceedings to their constituents; and it is essential to the peace and prosperity of the community that a knowledge of the laws should be generally disseminated: In order therefore, to facilitate the attainment of those important objects,

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 governor may and shall, from time to time, appoint and employ a printer or printers, to print and publish not more than three thousand, nor fewer than two thousand five hundred, copies, of the acts and resolutions of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, as soon as conveniently may be after the same shall be enacted and passed:] And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the commonwealth to collate with, and correct by the original rolls, the proof sheets of the printed copies of the said acts and resolutions respectively, and to affix thereunto proper marginal notes, stating the purport of each paragraph, or section, before the same shall be published.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* at the end of each and every session of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the commonwealth shall cause the acts and resolutions passed therein to be collected and stitched together in one pamphlet, with a cover of blue boards, of which he shall deliver twenty-five copies into the keeping of the Clerk of the Senate, for the use of the members of the Senate respectively, and eighty-six copies into the keeping of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for the use of the members of the House of Representatives respectively. And he shall distribute the residue in manner following, that is to say; to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court six copies, one thereof for each of the Judges, one for the Attorney-General, and one for himself; to the Secretary of the Land-Office one copy; to the Surveyor-General one copy; to the Receiver-General of the Land-Office one copy; to the Comptroller-General one copy; to the Register-General one copy; to the State Treasurer one copy; to the Clerk of the Mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia one hundred and fifty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia one hundred and fifty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Bucks one hundred and twenty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Chester one hundred and twenty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster one hundred and eighty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Dauphin ninety copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of York one hundred and eighty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Cumberland ninety copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Berks one hundred and fifty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Northampton one hundred and twenty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Bedford eighty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland ninety copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Westmoreland ninety copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Washington one hundred and twenty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Fayette sixty copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Franklin seventy copies; to the Prothonotary of the county of Montgomery one hun-

The governor to employ a printer of the laws. [Repealed 17th March, 1805.]

The secretary to collate and correct the proof sheets, &c.

The secretary to collect and distribute the laws of each session,

The ratio of distribution among the counties, &c. prescribed.

dred and twenty copies ; to the Prothonotary of the county of **Huntingdon** fifty copies ; to the Prothonotary of the county of **Luzerne** forty copies ; to the Prothonotary of the county of **Mifflin** sixty copies ; to the Prothonotary of the county of **Allegheny** fifty copies ; and to the Prothonotary of the county of **Delaware** ninety copies. And the said Clerk of the Mayor's Court of the city of **Philadelphia**, and the Prothonotaries of the several counties aforesaid, shall, upon the receipt of the said pamphlets, distribute the same within the jurisdiction of the courts to which they respectively belong, as follows, that is to say ; the said Clerk of the Mayor's court shall deliver one copy thereof to the Mayor, Recorder, and to each of the Aldermen of the said city of **Philadelphia**, and one hundred and thirty-five copies thereof to the Clerk of the corporation of the said city of **Philadelphia**, for the use of the corporation, and of the citizens of the said city of **Philadelphia** ; and the said Prothonotaries shall deliver one copy thereof to each Judge of the Court of **Common Pleas**, Register of wills, Recorder of deeds, Clerk of the **Quarter Sessions**, and to each justice of the peace, to the board of county commissioners one copy, and to each of the said commissioners one copy, and one copy to the Constable of each township, for the use thereof, to be lodged in the respective townships, at the usual place of meeting to choose township officers ; and shall distribute the remaining copies among the inhabitants of the several townships, within their respective counties aforesaid.

How to be distributed by the county officers, &c.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as often as there shall be a number of laws enacted sufficient to form a volume of a convenient size, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the commonwealth to 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 to be comprised in the volumes respectively, and the Secretary of the commonwealth shall farther thereupon cause two hundred sets of the said laws and index to be neatly bound in volumes, and properly lettered, and deliver five sets thereof, so bound and lettered, to the clerk of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, and fifteen sets thereof to the clerk of the House of Representatives, for the use of the said House of Representatives ; [to the President of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, and to each Judge thereof, not included in some other description in this act contained, one copy,] and to the clerk of the said court one copy ; to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court six copies, one thereof for each of the Judges, one for the Attorney-General, and one for himself ; and to the President and Judges of the Courts of **Common Pleas** of the several counties, each one copy ; and to the clerks of the Mayor's Court, and of the corporation of the city of **Philadelphia**, and to the Prothonotaries of the several counties, for the use of the respective courts, when sitting, each one copy ; and to the Secretary of State of the United States, one copy ; to the Attorney-General of the United States, one copy ; to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, for the use of the said Senate, one copy ; to the clerk of the House of Representatives of the

The secretary to cause the laws to be bound in volumes, with an index.

The laws to be bound in volumes and distributed.

How to be distributed.

1792. United States, for the use of the said house, one copy; to the executives of each state in the union, for the use of their respective Legislatures, one copy; three sets thereof to the library company of Philadelphia; and the remaining sets he shall retain in his own custody, subject to the orders of the Legislature, or of the Governor.

The secretary to attest the collation of the laws.

Further duties of the Secretary.

A legal character to collate the repealed laws. (obsolete.)

The expenses incurred under this act how to be paid.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary of this commonwealth 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.

[SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary of the commonwealth shall enter, or cause to be entered, in suitable books, which he shall procure for that purpose, such minutes of the proceedings of the executive department of this commonwealth as have not already been so entered, and shall thereupon forthwith make, or cause to be made, a sufficient index to the same, from the third day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, to the third Tuesday of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety inclusive; for which purposes, and to enable him to procure the assistance of an additional clerk to effect the same, the Governor is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in his favour, on the state treasurer, for a reasonable compensation, not exceeding one thousand dollars.]

SECT. VII. [*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized, to employ a proper person, of legal abilities, to collate the laws denominated under the aforesaid description, who shall insert references from one act to another, or the title of another upon the same subject, or altering or repealing each other.]

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the expenses necessarily incurred for carrying into effect the various provisions of this act, shall be paid out of the fund appropriated by law for the support of government, upon warrants drawn by the Governor on the treasurer of the commonwealth; and the treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay the same accordingly.

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CHAPTER MDCXXIX.

An ACT to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster.

[SECT. 1. PROVIDING for the mode of taking subscriptions is obsolete. 2. In what manner the company was to be incorporated—The style of the corporation to be “The president, managers and company of the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike road.”—