

an application shall be made to such owners or superintendants by an owner or person having the care or direction of a boat or boats, or rafts, open the same for the passage of such boat or boats, or rafts, without fee or reward. 1793.

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CHAPTER MDCLXXXII.

An ACT for extending the benefits experienced from the institution of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

WHEREAS it appears, from the accounts annually laid before the Legislature, and from other authentic documents, that the institution of the Pennsylvania Hospital hath been extensively useful, not only to the diseased and unfortunate in body and mind, of this state, but to those in like circumstances from other states and countries, and that the limits of the present building are insufficient to receive the number of patients, which, from the increased population of this state, and the intercourse with other states and countries, are daily applying for admission to the benefits of the institution; and from the mode of conduct pursued in the said house by the managers and physicians thereof, the Legislature are firmly persuaded that the grant hereinafter contained will not only meet the approbation of their constituents, but of the friends of humanity throughout the civilized world, to whom a knowledge thereof shall come: And whereas the extending the usefulness of the institution to the further purposes of a lying-in and foundling hospital is deemed to be an object deserving of public encouragement: Therefore, [Grant of twenty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents to the Pennsylvania Hospital, out of the proceeds of the Loan-Office. Certain securities to be transferred; and certain monies to be paid over to the hospital by the State Treasurer. Mode prescribed for applying the grant, by the erection of additional buildings, &c. Accounts to be rendered annually to the Legislature. Obsolete.]

(See vol. 1, page 208, chap. 390, and the note thereto.)

SECT. IV. And whereas the extension of the buildings of the said Pennsylvania Hospital, hereby provided for, will necessarily increase the expense of maintaining the increased number of patients therein to be admitted, and the benevolence of generous and charitable persons, willing to contribute to the support of the institution, ought to be aided by every means in the power of the Legislature, and it is represented that considerable sums of money have for some time remained in the hands of the commissioners of bankrupts, unclaimed by the persons to whom the same respectively belong, and it will afford an additional security to the persons entitled to the same to place them in the hands of a permanent corporate body, subject to such claims: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* the commissioners of bankrupts, appointed by the President of the Supreme Executive Council, or by the Governor of this commonwealth, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Penn-

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sylvania, passed the sixteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and the acts amending the same, shall, on or before the first day of February next, make out just and true accounts of their administration of the estate and effects of all and every the bankrupts, of whom they have been or are commissioners, containing the neat amount of the produce of each bankrupt's estate and effects, and of the aggregate amount of debts due from each bankrupt, and of the dividend or dividends thereof declared and advertised, and of the time of payment of the same, and of the surplus undivided and remaining in their hands, of each respective estate, and of the creditors to whom they have paid their respective dividends, and of those who have not applied for and demanded the same, and shall certify such accounts, under their hands and seals, or the hands and seals of the major part of the survivors of them, and deliver the same to the Master of the Rolls of the commonwealth, to be recorded in his office, and shall pay the neat amounts of the said unclaimed dividends and surpluses, after the expiration of the term aforesaid respectively, to the treasurer of the contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital, taking his receipts for the same, and he paying the costs of making out and recording the said accounts, which receipts shall for ever discharge the said commissioners of bankrupts, and the survivors or survivor of them, and his executors and administrators, of and from all claims from the creditors of the bankrupts in such accounts mentioned, for the respective sums therein contained, and paid over for dividends and surpluses; and in lieu of the said commissioners the contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital shall become, and be and remain, liable to the said non-claiming creditors of such bankrupts, for all and every sum and sums of money by their treasurer received, and contained in such accounts and receipts, whensoever the same shall be lawfully demanded by the respective creditors, their executors, administrators, or assigns: *Provided nevertheless*, That such demand or claim shall be liable to the same limitations, as other debts and demands are by law liable to.

SECT. V. [Penalty on the neglect or refusal of the commissioners of bankrupts to comply with this act. Obsolete.]

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That as the relief of unfortunate women labouring in child-birth, and not able to provide for the expenses necessarily incident thereto, and also the misfortunes of suffering and forsaken infancy, are objects very deserving of some humane provision, it shall and may be lawful for the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital to provide commodious apartments, for the purpose of answering the ends intended by a lying-in and foundling hospital, whenever monies shall be placed in their hands for such a purpose, and that they are hereby authorized to call for any such sums as may now be destined for such an use, whenever they shall be in a situation to carry the benevolent design, for which such monies were granted, into full effect, any thing in the constitution or charter of the said hospital to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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