

require that the said township should be divided into two districts, for the purpose of admitting each district to choose one assessor and two inspectors : 1795.

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 Second-street continued from the city of Philadelphia to where the same terminates in the Germantown road, thence by said road to the northern boundary of the township of the Northern-Liberties, shall be the line for dividing the said township into two districts : and all that part of the said township, between the river Delaware and the aforesaid division line, shall be called the eastern district, and the remaining part thereof shall be called the western district of the township of the Northern-Liberties.

The eastern and western district of the Northern-Liberties defined.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the electors residing in the township of the Northern-Liberties to meet together in their respective districts, at the time and in manner and form prescribed by law, to choose one assessor and two inspectors for each district respectively, any thing in any law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The inhabitants of each district to choose one assessor and two inspectors.

Passed 13th March, 1795.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 395.

CHAPTER MDCCCLII.

An ACT for building a town-house and market-place between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane, on Second-street continued in the Northern-Liberties of the county of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the proprietors and owners of the ground between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane, to encourage the improvement of that part of the Northern-Liberties, did leave open, for public use, a piece of ground, of the breadth of twenty feet on each side of Second-street continued, between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane : And whereas a number of freeholders and other inhabitants of the county of Philadelphia, and of the Northern-Liberties thereof, have, by their petition, represented to the Legislature, that they labour under many difficulties by reason of the remote distance they are from any Market-place, that a market established at the place contemplated by the petitioners will be very convenient for the accommodation of the people residing near the same, as well as the citizens who inhabit that part of the Liberties called Kensington, which consists chiefly of ship-builders, and other useful mechanics, and having offered to build by subscription, without any charge to the public, and that after all the costs of the buildings and incidental expenses thereof are paid and satisfied, all the profits and income of the said market shall be appropriated to the benefit of a charity school for the said township of the Northern-Liberties, and praying that the Legislature will pass a law for the purpose.

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

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A market-place established between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane in the Northern-Liberties.

from and after the passing of this act, that part of Second-street continued, between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane, in the Northern-Liberties of the county of Philadelphia, together with the twenty feet on the east side of the said Second-street, left open by the proprietors and owners of the ground between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane, shall be and remain, and it is hereby declared to be and remain for ever, a public Market-place, for buying and selling all sorts of provisions, victuals, and things of the country produce and manufactures, on every day of the week, Sunday excepted; and that all manner of persons shall have liberty to expose to sale, their country produce on such stalls, or other stands, as shall be assigned them by the clerk of the market, they paying a reasonable toll.

Trustees appointed for the fund to erect a town-house and market-place;

SECT. II. And in order that a town-house and market-place may be built, and the monies necessary be raised and collected for that purpose: *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That William Coates, Esquire, Jacob Weaver, Esquire, Doctor John Weaver, Doctor Peter Peres, Jacob Whitman, William Peter Sprague, Daniel Miller, John Brown, Michael Groves, and John Nicholas Wagner, shall be superintendants of the said buildings, and shall have power to take subscriptions and donations for the building of the said town-house and market-place, and for purchasing or making moveable stalls, copper or brass standards of weights or measures, and other things necessary for the keeping a market; and in order that such subscription monies may be actually paid, when wanted for the purposes aforesaid, each subscriber shall give a note under his hand and seal, to the Treasurer, payable on a certain day or days, or on demand, either in one entire payment, or by instalments; and such notes, if attested by credible witnesses, shall have the same force, and be to the same effect in law, as notes given or taken for a valuable consideration; and the said superintendants shall appoint a treasurer, either of their own number, or any other of the inhabitants of the Northern-Liberties, for whom they shall be answerable to the rest of the subscribers, but may take such security from him, as to them shall seem meet; and the said treasurer shall, upon the receipt of any subscription money, give a certificate, attested by two of the superintendants, to the person who paid the same, expressing therein whether it be his donation or loan, and to the lenders, that the principal sum lent, and the interest thereof, at the rate of six per centum per annum from the time of actual payment, is to be paid out of the profits and income of the said market, at every distribution of the said income to be made annually among the said lenders, which certificates shall be assignable, in like manner as bonds or promissory notes are made assignable by law.

and to build the town-house and market-place.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall be lawful to and for the said William Coates, Esquire, Jacob Weaver, Esquire, Doctor John Weaver, Doctor Peter Peres, Jacob Whitman, William Peter Sprague, Daniel Miller, John Brown, Michael Groves and John Nicholas Wagner, or a majority of them, out of the monies subscribed and paid, to build, on Second-street continued from the city of Philadelphia in the Northern-Liberties, between Coates'-street and Poplar-lane, a Town-house and Market-

place, to accommodate the public business of the said township, and for the ease and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, commencing the building of the same at the distance of forty feet northwardly from the north side of Coates'-street, in the middle of Second-street, the Town-house to be of the breadth of twenty-four feet in front, and thirty feet in depth along Second-street, commencing the building of the market at the north side of, and adjoining to the said Town-house, thence extending northwardly, in the middle of Second-street, to within forty feet of Brown-street, of the breadth of eighteen feet, with leaving a passage at least forty feet wide on each side the said market, between the lane and the houses and lots on the eastern and western sides of the said Second-street or oblong square, and purchase and keep moveable stalls or stands, to be used on market-days, when the fixed stalls shall not be sufficient to contain all that is brought to the said market; that it shall be lawful for the freeholders and inhabitants of the Northern-Liberties of the county of Philadelphia, subscribers to the sum of three pounds at least annually, until all the monies borrowed on certificates shall be fully paid, at the time and place of choosing Supervisors of the highways, then and there to choose by ballot three Superintendants of the Town-house and market aforesaid, and also one Clerk of the said market, who shall make assay of weights and measures in the said market, and do and perform all things belonging to the office of Clerk of the market aforesaid.

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SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said market shall be ready to be opened before the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, then Henry Faunce shall be Clerk of the market until that day, and that the said William Coates, Esquire, Jacob Weaver, Esquire, Doctor John Weaver, Doctor Peter Peres, Jacob Whitman, William Peter Sprague, Daniel Miller, John Brown, Michael Groves and John Nicholas Wagner, shall continue in the office of Superintendants until the third Saturday in the month of January of the year one thousand eight hundred, unless one or more of them should in the mean time die, resign, or remove from the township, who shall be replaced on the township's election day for Supervisors next after such death, resignation or removal, by the subscribers aforesaid; and whenever the said Market-house shall be built, and all the lenders of money on certificates shall be fully paid and satisfied, then and from thenceforth no more than two Superintendants, a Clerk of the market, and one Treasurer, shall be annually elected as aforesaid, which said Superintendants, Clerk of the market, and Treasurer, shall be chosen by such of the freemen of the township of the Northern-Liberties, as are qualified to elect members of the General Assembly.

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SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the compensation of the Clerk of the said market shall be fixed by the Superintendants to be appointed as aforesaid, until the same shall be regulated by an act of Assembly; and that the said Superintendants shall annually, on the same day when the Supervisors of the highways render their accounts to the Justices of the district for the county of Philadelphia, exhibit to the said Justices

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Elections to
be held at
the Town-
house.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the electors of the township aforesaid to hold their general elections at the said Town-house, as soon as the buildings shall be completely finished agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act, any thing in any law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed 27th March, 1795.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 404.

CHAPTER MDCCCIII.

(Original act,
ante. p.130.)

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled “An Act to incorporate the district of Southwark.”

How fines
imposed by
the commr's
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recovered.

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 all fines, penalties and forfeitures, arising from the breach of ordinance or regulation passed, or which may be passed, by the board of commissioners for the district of Southwark, respecting any offence for which the party might not have been proceeded against by indictment before the passing of the act, entitled “An Act to incorporate the district of Southwark,” may be recovered before any Justice of the Peace in the county of Philadelphia; provided the fine, penalty or forfeiture do not exceed the sum of fourteen dollars: *Provided always,* That if any person shall conceive him, her or themselves aggrieved by any judgment to be given as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons, at any time within the space of six days next following the date of such judgment, to appeal therefrom to the next Court of Common Pleas of the county of Philadelphia, he, she or they first entering into recognizance, with at least one sufficient surety, in the sum of twenty-eight dollars, to prosecute the said appeal with effect, and to abide the order of the Court, or, in default thereof, to be sent, by mittimus, to the Sheriff of the county, by him to be kept, until he, she or they perform the judgment of the court, or be otherwise legally discharged.

Appeal.

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