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(* Chap.
1807.)

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That an act passed the thirty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act to ascertain the boundary lines of a tract of land in York county, called Carrol's Delight,"* be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed 28th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 184.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXVIII.

An ACT to incorporate the citizens of this state, members of the Aggregate Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America, for the better management of their share and proportion of the funds and estate of the said Aggregate Corporation, upon a division of the same being made with the members of the said corporation, citizens of the states of New-York and New-Jersey.

SECT. 1. [THE corporation of the Protestant Episcopal church empowered to agree with other associated corporations for a final division of the aggregate estate. 2. When the seal of the Aggregate corporation may be broke. New corporation of the members, who are citizens of this state; its powers and privileges; and times of meeting and making by-laws prescribed. The present annuitants shall not be injured by dissolving the Aggregate Corporation.]

Passed 28th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 173.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXIX.

An ACT to provide arms for the use of the commonwealth. (b)

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 be, and he is hereby empowered and required, to procure, as speedily as may be, twenty thousand stands of arms, of a size and quality best adapted for field service, one half by immediate purchase, and the other half to be made or manufactured within the United States; the whole to be of the fashion or pattern of the French Charleville musket, and of the dimensions following, to wit; the length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches, and to receive a ball of the size of eighteen to the pound; each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use for the proof on those made for the service of the United States, and to be stamped or marked near the breech with the letters C. P. the locks to be upon the best construction, double bridled, on a flat plate, and marked with the letters aforesaid; the mounting iron, with bands

Quantity of
arms to be
purchased
for the state.

Pattern and
quality of
each stand.

(b) By chap. 2082, this act was suspended for two years. See the existing militia law, passed 9th April, 1807, (chap. 2842.)

and swivels, and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered steel; the bayonets to be fifteen inches in the blade, made of steel well tempered, and polished; the stock to be made of well seasoned walnut; the length of the butt of the musket to be fifteen and an half inches from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate; the side pins, breech pins, and trigger, to be case hardened; the weight of the musket and bayonet, thus completed, not to exceed eleven pounds.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as one moiety or half part of the arms, directed to be provided in the foregoing section, shall be had and completed, agreeably to the intention of this act, the Governor shall direct such arms to be distributed between the city of Philadelphia and the several counties of this state, in proportion to the number of Representatives in each, that is to say; the said arms are to be delivered into the care and charge of the Brigade Inspector of the city and each county, who shall give his receipt for the same; and it shall be the duty of the said Inspectors to deliver the said arms to the field officers of each regiment or battalion of infantry within his brigade, in proportion to the number of men in each; and the field officers of each regiment or battalion shall give their joint receipt for the arms so delivered, declaring themselves personally responsible therefor, and that they shall be kept in good order; and the said Brigade Inspectors respectively shall provide a proper place or places for depositing and safe-keeping the arms of each of the regiments or battalions within his brigade, which place or places of deposit shall be fixed on by and with the consent and approbation of the field officers of each respective regiment and battalion; and it shall be the duty of the respective Brigade Inspectors to deliver the receipt given by the field officers as aforesaid to the Adjutant-General, who shall cause the same to be filed and recorded in his office; and the regimental Quarter Master shall report to the Brigade Inspector the situation of any of the arms of the regiment which may be injured or out of repair, and the said Inspector shall cause the same to be repaired without delay, and shall also, when occasion may so require, employ a suitable person or persons to cleanse and oil the arms belonging to the respective brigades; and the Register and Comptroller-General shall allow all necessary expenses which may be incurred in consequence of this act, in settling the respective accounts of the Brigade Inspectors: *Provided always,* That the field officers shall not be responsible for any of the arms, which shall, by order of the Inspector, be put into the possession of any person or persons, for the purpose of cleansing or repairing, until they shall be by them returned, in order to be deposited: but the Brigade Inspector shall be personally responsible therefor until they shall be returned to the place of deposit: *And provided also,* That upon the death, resignation or removal of any field officer, it shall be the duty of the Brigade Inspector, within six weeks thereafter, to examine and ascertain whether the arms committed to the care of any such field officer are in their respective places of deposit, and in good order, and if found so, the said Brigade Inspector shall certify the same to such field officer, if resigned or removed, or to

First moiety of the arms, how to be distributed, kept, used, repaired, and accounted for,

Who shall answer for arms while repairing.

Duty of the Brigade Inspector, in case of the death of any officer entrusted with arms.

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Inspectors shall visit the places where arms are deposited.

Proceedings, in case of loss or embezzlement of arms.

Duty of the Quarter-Masters.

Second moiety of the arms, how to be distributed and kept.

Appropriation for the purchase of arms.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the Brigade Inspectors to visit the place or places in which the arms of the several battalions and regiments within their respective brigades are deposited, at least once in every six months, and at every such visit they shall carefully examine the condition and number of arms in each place of deposit; and if it shall appear to either of the said Inspectors, that any of the arms belonging to the regiments or battalions within his brigade are misplaced, lost or embezzled, he is hereby authorized and required to cause suits to be commenced against the person or persons, through whose neglect such loss, embezzlement or misconduct has arisen, so that the said arms may be restored or replaced without delay; and it shall be the duty of the Quarter-Master of each respective regiment (on notice from the Brigade-Inspector, which notice he is hereby required to give,) to attend at the examination made by the Inspector of the arms of the regiment to which the said Quarter-Master belongs; and he shall give to the said Inspector such information respecting the arms as the case may require, and shall aid and assist the Inspector in examining the same; and if any regimental Quarter-Master shall, after due notice given, neglect or refuse to attend at the time of such examination, or refuse to give such information as the case may require, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such neglect or refusal, to be recovered by the Brigade-Inspector in the same manner, and for the like uses, that the militia fines are directed to be applied.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as the remaining moiety of arms are provided, they shall be distributed in the manner before mentioned, and the officers respectively shall be responsible for the same, in the manner herein provided respecting the first moiety of arms to be provided.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sum of two hundred and forty-thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes mentioned in this act, to be paid on warrants drawn by the Governor upon the Treasury of this commonwealth, out of the fund for the support of government.

Passed 28th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 182.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXX.

An ACT to authorize the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, near the town of Northampton.

SECT. 1. [COMMISSIONERS for receiving a subscription to build a bridge over Lehigh; form of the subscription. Payment to be made on subscribing. 2. Proceedings to obtain patents of incorporation. Style of the corporation to be "The President,