

1797. mit true copies of the administration bond to the Attorney-General of this commonwealth, who is hereby empowered and directed to commence suit upon the same.

Or if proper accounts are not rendered, the penalty of the bonds shall be forfeited and paid, for the use of the state.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the administrators aforesaid, after having come forward, do not produce an inventory of the goods and chattels of the deceased at the time of his death, with fair and satisfactory accounts of the receipts and expenditures of monies coming into and passing through their hands, in consequence of such letters of administration, then the penalty of the administration bond shall be forfeited, and if the suit is prosecuted with effect, shall be paid, with interest as aforesaid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the proper county, who shall transmit the same to the Treasurer of this commonwealth, for the use of the commonwealth.

Penalty on Registers, who neglect to execute this act.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any Register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration shall, after the publication of this act, neglect or refuse to do all and singular the duties and services herein required, he shall, for the first offence, forfeit and pay to the commonwealth the sum of five hundred dollars, for the second or any subsequent offence, the sum of one thousand dollars, to be recovered by bill, plaint or indictment, as fines, penalties and forfeitures, are by the several laws of this commonwealth.

The Secretary shall transmit copies of this act to the Registers.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this commonwealth, and he is hereby required as soon as conveniently may be, to transmit a copy of this act to the respective Registers of the several counties within this commonwealth.

Fees to be charged by the Registers.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Registers respectively to charge and receive such fees for the above-mentioned extraordinary services, as the commissioners of the respective counties shall think just and reasonable, which fees shall be deducted out of the monies or effects of each particular estate; but in case he shall not receive a sum sufficient for that purpose from any such estate, then, and in that case, the fees as aforesaid shall be paid out of the county treasury, on warrants drawn by the commissioners.

Passed 1st April, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 189.

## CHAPTER MDCCCXXXVI.

*An ACT to regulate the manner of selling loaf-bread, and to repeal certain existing laws respecting the same.*

Repeal of former acts respecting the assize of bread.

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 from and after the passing of this act, so much of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the assize of bread, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, as relates to the assize of

bread; also the whole of the act to suspend, for a limited time, so much of the aforesaid act as relates to the assize of bread, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed on the fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and of the act to continue the same, passed on the sixth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, be and the same are hereby, repealed.\* 1797.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That, from and after the first day of May next, all loaf-bread made for sale within this commonwealth shall be sold by the pound avoirdupois, and every baker or other person, offering the same for sale, shall keep at his or her house, or at such other place at which he or she shall at any time offer or expose for sale any such bread, sufficient scales and weights, lawfully regulated, for the purpose of weighing the same; and if any baker or other person shall, from and after the first day of May next, sell or offer for sale any loaf-bread, in any other manner, the contract respecting the same shall be void, and the person offending against this act shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every such offence, one half to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of this commonwealth; and it shall be the especial duty of the Clerk of the market, in any place where such officer is appointed, to discover and prosecute all persons offending against this act.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this act, and every matter and thing therein contained, except so much thereof as limits its commencement to the first day of May next, shall be in full force and effect within the city of Philadelphia, the township of the Northern-Liberties, and the district of Southwark, immediately from and after the passing of the same, any thing contained in the second section thereof to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed 1st April, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 188.

## CHAPTER MDCCCXXXVII.

*An ACT for the erection of certain election districts in the county of Berks.*

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 townships, of Bethel, Tulpehocken, and part of Heidelberg township, which lies northwest of Haines's creek, from the source to the mouth thereof, in the county of Berks, are hereby erected into a separate election district; and that the freemen of said district shall hold their general elections in Middletown, in the township of Heidelberg, at the house now occupied by Conrad Stauch.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the township of Pine Grove, in the said county, is hereby erected into a separate election district; and that the freemen of said

[\* Vol. 1, page 425, chap. 707, and chap. 1691, 1813.]

Weight of loaf-bread regulated.

Penalty for transgressing.

Duty of the Clerk of the market.

Commencement and operation of this act.

A new election district erected in Berks county.

Another new district erected.