

shall not be compelled upon any of the said writs, or any other writ or writs directed to them, or any of them, to remove, send or certify into the said supreme court or elsewhere any of the indictments or presentments taken or to be taken before them, or the record of the judgments and proceedings upon any [such] indictments or presentments, but only the tenors or transcripts of the said records, under their common seal. And after such judgments are reversed or affirmed, or causes lawfully removed from the said city courts are tried in the said supreme court, it shall be lawful for the mayor, recorder and alderman, and their successors, to proceed to execution or otherwise as shall appertain according to law and the direction of the judges.

[Section VI.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said justices shall have power in their respective courts of quarter-sessions in the said city and counties respectively, to set such reasonable prices on all liquors retailed in public houses and provender for horses in public stables, from time to time, as they shall see fit, under the like penalties as in such cases are enacted by the laws and statutes of Great Britain.

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CHAPTER CCIII.

AN ACT FOR EMPOWERING [RELIGIOUS] SOCIETIES TO BUY, HOLD AND ENJOY LANDS, TENEMENTS AND HEREDITAMENTS.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by Charles Gookin, Esquire, by the royal approbation Lieutenant-Governor, under William Penn, Esquire, Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and

for all religious societies or assemblies and congregations of Protestants, within this province, to purchase any lands or tenements for burying grounds, and for erecting houses of religious worship, schools and hospitals; and by trustees, or otherwise, as they shall think fit, to receive and take grants or [conveyances] for the same, for any estate whatsoever, to and for the [use or] uses aforesaid, to be holden of the lord of the fee by the [accustomed] rents and services.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all sales, gifts or grants made to any of the said societies, or to any person or persons in trust for them, or any of them, for or concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this province, for and in any estate whatsoever, to and for the use and uses aforesaid shall be and are by this act ratified and confirmed according to the tenor and true meaning thereof, and of the parties concerned therein.

And where any gifts, legacies or bequests have been or shall be made by any person or persons to the poor of any of the said respective religious societies, or to or for the use or service of any meeting or congregation of the said respective societies, the same gifts and bequests shall be employed only to those charitable uses, or to the use of those respective societies or meetings, or to the poor people to whom the same are or shall be given or intended to be given or granted, according to [what may] be collected to be the true intent and meaning of the respective donors or grantors.

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