

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXIII. *WRECKED GOODS.*

AN ACT TO ALTER AND AMEND AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE EFFECTUAL SUPPRESSION OF PUBLIC AUCTIONS AND VENDUES, AND TO PROHIBIT MALE PERSONS CAPABLE OF BEARING ARMS FROM BEING HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS," SO FAR AS TO ALLOW THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF GOODS DAMAGED OR SHIP-WRECKED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the effectual suppression of public auctions and vendues and to prohibit male persons capable of bearing arms from being hawkers and peddlers,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the twenty-sixth day of November last, no provision was made for the sale by public auction of damaged goods or goods saved out of ships or vessels wrecked or which, for the satisfaction of insurers and others, it may be proper and reasonable should be sold after that manner:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That from and after the publication of this act, all goods and merchandise which shall really and bona fide be damaged and in a perishable condition, or which shall be saved out of any ship or vessel cast away or wrecked or so circumstanced by distress of storms or otherwise that the cargo or lading thereof ought to be sold for the account of [the] insurers, and anchors and cables taken up at sea or in the river or bay of Delaware and which ought to be sold to ascertain the salvage due thereupon to the person or persons who may take up the same, may be sold at public auction or vendue the said act notwithstanding, subject, however, to the rules and restrictions therein prescribed as to the sale by public auction or vendue of goods and merchandise thereby permitted to be sold by public auction or vendue.

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<sup>1</sup> Passed November 26, 1779, Chapter 870.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before the auctioneer of the city of Philadelphia shall proceed to sell by public auction or vendue any goods or merchandise by virtue of this act, he shall be furnished with the license of the president or vice-president in council authorizing such sale in which the goods and merchandize thereby permitted to be sold as aforesaid shall be specified and particularized, such license to be grounded on the report on oath or affirmation of three judicious and indifferent men who, being appointed by the said president or vice-president in council for that purpose, shall have carefully enquired of and viewed the said goods and merchandise and found them to come within the intent and benefit of this act.

Passed March 2, 1780. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed November 26, 1779, Chapter 870. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 346, &c.

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#### CHAPTER DCCCLXXXIV.

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##### AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING AND AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION IN AND NEAR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the members of the corporation called and known by the name of "The Rector, Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of the German Lutheran Congregation in and near the city of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania," by their petition have shown that in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, by the charter of the then proprietaries, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, they were incorporated by the name, style and title aforesaid. That the first Monday in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight was the day on which an election should have been held of the officers of the said corporation, at which time the enemy were in possession of this city and most of the petitioners dispersed in the country so that no election