

matters merely belonging to the business of the said society, such as the mutual communication of their discoveries and proceedings in philosophy and science, the procuring books, apparatus, natural curiosities and such other articles and intelligence as are usually exchanged between learned bodies, for furthering their common pursuits.

(Section XIV, P. L.) Provided always, That such correspondence of the said society be at all times open to the inspection of the supreme executive council of this commonwealth.

Passed March 15, 1780. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed March 29, 1779, Chapter 832; November 27, 1779, Chapter 871. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 363, &c.

CHAPTER DCCCXCV.

AN ACT TO CURE A DEFECT IN AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE ESTATES AND INTERESTS OF THE COLLEGE, ACADEMY, AND CHARITABLE SCHOOL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND TO ALTER AND AMEND THE CHARTERS THEREOF CONFORMABLY TO THE REVOLUTION, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH; AND TO ERECT THE SAME INTO AN UNIVERSITY;" AND ALSO AN ERROR IN THE DATE OF ANOTHER ACT OF ASSEMBLY ENTITLED "A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR THE ATTAINDER OF DIVERS TRAITORS IF THEY RENDER NOT THEMSELVES BY A CERTAIN DAY AND FOR VESTING THEIR ESTATES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH AND FOR MORE EFFECTUALLY DISCOVERING THE SAME, AND FOR ASCERTAINING [AND SATISFYING] THE LAWFUL DEBTS AND CLAIMS THEREUPON.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in an act of assembly passed on the twenty-seventh day of November last, entitled "An act to confirm the estates and interests of the college, academy and charitable school of the city of Philadelphia, and to amend and alter the charters thereof conformably to the revolution and the constitution of this commonwealth, and to erect the same into an university,"¹ the word college was, through mistake inserted in the sixteenth section thereof, instead of the word university, by reason whereof the authority intended to

¹ Chapter 871.

be vested in two justices of the peace by said act to proceed in a summary way against persons refusing to deliver up to the trustees of the said university, upon demand the library, apparatus, mortgages, specialties, deeds or instruments or other papers or books of record or real estate of the said university in custody or possession of such persons so refusing, may be disputed and prove insufficient for the purposes designed by the legislature:

For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it 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 the said act shall be construed and taken for the benefit and relief of the trustees of the said university as fully as if the said university was named in the said sixteenth paragraph in the stead and place of the word college, and the said justices shall proceed accordingly.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas an error in form hath been discovered in the date of an act of assembly, entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day and for vesting their estates in the commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereon,'"¹ by writing the word April at the foot of the record of the said act, instead of the word March, which, by the minutes of the general assembly, recourse being thereunto had, appears to be the month wherein the said law was enacted, and advantage may perhaps be taken from the error last mentioned to weaken or elude the operation of the last-recited act:

For remedy whereof:

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the last-recited act shall have the same and equal effect and operation as if the word March had been written at the foot of the said record, in the place where the word April has been erroneously written as aforesaid. And that all sales, transfers, leases, acts and proceedings what-

¹ Chapter 330.

soever had, made, suffered or done under the said act of assembly shall be deemed as valid and effectual in the law to all intents and purposes as if the said error or mistake had not been made.

Passed March 16, 1780. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 365, &c.

CHAPTER DCCCXCVI.

AN ACT TO PREVENT TRESPASSES AND WASTE FROM BEING COMMITTED UPON THE LANDS OF ABSENT PERSONS, AND UPON VACANT AND UNAPPROPRIATED LANDS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas divers disorderly persons have, of late entered upon the lands of persons residing beyond the sea or without the bounds of this state, and upon lands out of the possession of any particular person, and upon lands reputed to be vacant or unappropriated under pretence of certain claims and rights or otherwise and have committed great trespasses and waste thereon by felling of timber:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it is likely that some of the lands aforesaid are the proper estate of the commonwealth, and those belonging to absent persons ought in this time of war, when intercourse with Europe and other foreign countries is much interrupted, to be preserved from the trespasses and waste aforesaid:

[Section I.] (Section III, 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 if any person or persons whatsoever under pretence of any claim or right derived from the late proprietaries or without any title shall enter upon the lands of any person or persons residing beyond seas, or without the bounds of this state or upon lands out of the possession of any particular person or upon lands which are vacant or unappropriated, or reputed to be vacant or unappropriated