

shall in any manner alter any contract heretofore made between any landlord and tenant concerning the payment of taxes; nor to repeal or alter the directions of the act of assembly, entitled "An act for raising the additional sum of five millions seven hundred thousand dollars in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the tenth day of October last, obliging tenants holding under a lease whereby the rent had been reserved in current money to pay over and above the said rent all taxes on his holding.

(Section XI, P. L.) And whereas the recompense at present allowed to county commissioners and assessors is found to be unequal to their expense and labor:

Wherefore:

[Section V.] (Section XII, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That henceforth the recompense of the said commissioners and assessors shall be ten shillings per diem, of money at ten shillings for a bushel of wheat, and shall be estimated and satisfied in like manner as the recompense and fees of county commissioners and assessors were estimated and satisfied before the passing of this act.

Passed March 18, 1870. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed March 20, 1724-25, Chapter 284; September 15, 1756, Chapter 411; February 18, 1769, Chapter 594; the two Acts of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Chapters 635, 636; March 21, 1772, Chapter 653. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 372, &c.

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## CHAPTER CMI.

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AN ACT TO ENABLE WILLIAM CLINGAN, THOMAS BULL, JOHN KINKEAD, ROGER KIRK, JOHN SELLERS, JOHN WILSON AND JOSEPH DAVIS TO BUILD A NEW COURT HOUSE AND PRISON IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, AND SELL THE OLD COURT HOUSE AND PRISON IN THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, it has been represented to this house that the holding of courts of general quarter sessions of the peace, common pleas, nisi prius, oyer and terminer and

<sup>1</sup> Chapter 866.

general gaol delivery for the county of Chester, in the borough of Chester, is very inconvenient and burdensome to a great part of the inhabitants of the said county, as the situation of said borough is at an extreme corner of said county; and that it would be very commodious and much for the advantage of the inhabitants in general if the several courts were held at a more central part of the said county:

[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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, or any four or more of them, to purchase and take assurance to them and their heirs of a piece of land situate in some convenient place of the said county in trust and for the use of the said county and thereon to build and erect [or cause to be built and erected] a court house and prison, sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county, and for the ease and convenience of the said inhabitants.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when the said court house and prison shall be erected as aforesaid, that from thenceforth the several courts of general quarter sessions, common pleas, nisi prius, oyer and terminer and general gaol delivery for the said county shall be holden and kept at the said court house, when the same is built and erected in the place so to be provided as aforesaid.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful that the said William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, or any four or more of them, shall have full power to expose to sale by public vendue to the highest bidder, the old court house, prison and work house, with all and singular the appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto belonging, situate in the borough of Chester aforesaid, and to give assurances to the heirs and assigns of the purchaser or purchasers forever; and the moneys

therefrom arising shall be appropriated towards paying for the lands to be purchased and the new court house and prison to be built in the said place so as aforesaid to be provided.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the defraying the remainder of the expenses and charge of purchasing the land, building and erecting the said court house and prison, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners and assessors of said county, or a majority of them, to assess and levy so much money as the said trustees, or any four of them, shall judge necessary for paying the remainder aforesaid, of purchasing the land and finishing the said court house and prison, and they are hereby required so to do.

Passed March 20, 1780. See the Acts of Assembly passed March 22, 1784, Chapter 1081; March 30, 1785, Chapter 1152; March 18, 1786, Chapter 1215; September 25, 1786, Chapter 1247; September 26, 1789, Chapter 1443; March 12, 1800, Chapter 2125. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 373, &c.

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## CHAPTER CMII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF THE MILITIA OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas a militia law founded upon just and equitable principles hath been ever regarded as the best security of liberty, and the most effectual means of drawing forth and exerting the natural strength of a state:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas a well regulated militia is the only safe and constitutional method of defending a free state, as the necessity of keeping up a standing army, especially in times of peace, is thereby superceded:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the militia law of this commonwealth enacted by the general assembly the seventeenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven,