

thereof as aforesaid, or shall neglect to keep a sufficient number of deputies to assist him in the execution of his office, whereby the possessor of such flour shall suffer any damage or delay, or shall otherwise misbehave him or themselves therein, it shall and may be lawful to and for a majority of the justices of the peace of the city of Philadelphia, or of the respective counties before mentioned, and they are hereby enjoined and required, on the conviction of the said officer of any of the said crimes, or on his death, to nominate and appoint some other fit person in his or their place or places, who shall thereupon, on taking the said oath, be the inspector until the assembly shall appoint another to be invested with the powers and subject to the duties hereinbefore mentioned.

Passed April 5, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 423, etc. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed October 14, 1733, Chapter 332; October 6, 1779, Chapter 855, and the Acts of Assembly passed December 28, 1781, Chapter 956; March 9, 1783, Chapter 1017; September 15, 1784, Chapter 1112; September 12, 1789, Chapter 1433; September 30, 1791, Chapter 1595; April 18, 1795, Chapter 1862; March 16, 1798, Chapter 1975; March 15, 1800, Chapter 2144. Section XV of the Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 31, 1860, P. L. 452.

CHAPTER CMXXXVII.

AN ACT TO VEST IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, A POWER TO LEVY DUTIES OF FIVE PER CENTUM AD VALOREM, ON CERTAIN GOODS AND MERCHANDISE IMPORTED INTO THIS COMMONWEALTH, AND ON PRIZES AND PRIZE GOODS CONDEMNED IN THE COURT OF ADMIRALTY OF THIS STATE, AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND FOR APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, the Congress of the United States, by their act of the third day of February last, did resolve that it be recommended to the several states, as indispensably necessary, that they vest a power in Congress to levy, for the use of the United States, a duty of five per centum ad valorem, at the time and place of importation, upon all goods, wares and

merchandise of foreign growth and manufacture, which might be imported into any of the said states, from any foreign port, island or plantation, after the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, except arms, ammunition, clothing and other articles, imported on account of the United States, or any of them, and except wool cards and cotton cards and wire for making them, and also except salt during the war. Also, a like duty of five per centum on all prizes and prize goods condemned in the court of admiralty of any of these states, as lawful prize, that the moneys arising from the said duties be appropriated to the discharge of the principal and interest of the debts already contracted, or which might be contracted on the faith of the United States for supporting the present war that the said duties be continued until the said debts should be fully and finally discharged:

[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 the United States in Congress assembled shall be, and they hereby are fully authorized and empowered to levy, for the use of the said states, a duty of five per cent ad valorem, at the time and place of importation upon all goods, wares and merchandise of foreign growth and manufacture which may be imported into this commonwealth from any port, island or plantation, not within any of the United States, after the first day of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, except arms, ammunition, clothing and other articles imported on account of the said states, or any of them, and except wool cards and cotton cards and wire for making them, and also except salt during the war. That the said states be and they hereby are also empowered to levy, for the use aforesaid, a like duty of five per centum on all prizes and prize goods condemned by the admiralty court of this commonwealth as lawful prize:

And whereas it will conduce to the general interest that the commercial regulations throughout the said states be uniform and consistent:

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore further en-

acted by the authority aforesaid, That the said United States, in Congress assembled, shall be and they are hereby fully authorized to appoint one or more collector or collectors in this commonwealth, to collect the said duties according to such rules and ordinances for collecting and levying the same, as they shall judge expedient: Provided always, That such rules and ordinances be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the moneys arising from the said duties shall be and they hereby are appropriated to the discharge of the principal and interest of the debts already contracted or which may be contracted on the faith of the said United States for supporting the present war.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and continue in force until the full and final discharge of the debts hereinbefore mentioned, and no longer.

Passed April 5, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 426, etc. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed September 23, 1783, Chapter 1039.

CHAPTER CMXXXVIII.

AN ACT FOR AMENDING AND CONTINUING AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE, MAKING THE EXCISE ON WINE, RUM, BRANDY AND OTHER SPIRITS MORE EQUAL, AND PREVENTING FRAUDS IN THE COLLECTING AND PAYING THE SAID EXCISE." ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the support of the government of this province, making the excise on wine, rum, brandy and other spirits more equal, and preventing frauds in the collecting and paying the said excise," ¹ passed on the twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, will

¹ March 21, 1772, Chapter 656.