

CHAPTER MXXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT APPOINTING WARDENS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA,"¹ AND TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PREVENT INFECTIOUS DISEASES BEING BROUGHT INTO THIS PROVINCE."²

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it is of great importance to the interest of Pennsylvania that her commerce should be increased and extended by promoting and facilitating a commercial intercourse with the neighboring states whereby the number and quantity of exportable articles may be increased. And whereas the imposing of a duty of tonnage and other port charges on coasting vessels, for every trip or voyage, equal to the duties and charges imposed on vessels performing longer and less frequent voyages is found to be an impediment to such intercourse with the neighboring states:

[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 all ships and vessels not exceeding the burden on measurement of fifty tons passing to or from any port within this state and to or from any other port or ports within the United States of America, shall be freed and exempted from the payment of any duty of tonnage whatsoever; and that all other ships and vessels passing in like manner between any port in this state and between any other port or ports in the said United States shall not be subject to the payment of the said duty more than once in every twelve months during the continuance of any such vessel or ship in such trade without going to any port not within the said United States, anything contained in the said act, entitled "An act appointing wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes

¹ Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 671.

² Passed January 22, 1774, Chapter 691.

therein mentioned,"³ or any other law, usage or custom notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any and every ship or vessel employed in the coasting trade between this state and any other port of the said United States and bringing into the port or ports of this state no other goods, wares or merchandise than those of the growth, produce or manufacture of the said United States or of some or one of them and such as may lawfully be imported free from duty or impost by the laws of this state shall be subject to the payment of seven shillings and six pence and no more for every entrance and clearance at the naval office, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas from the freedom of commerce and the admission of foreign vessels many ships or vessels may arrive in the river Delaware, the commanders or masters whereof may not be duly informed of the duties enjoined on them by the act, entitled "An act to prevent infectious diseases being brought into this province,"⁴ and the penalties to which they may be subjected by not conforming to the regulations prescribed in and by the said act,

[Section III.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the wardens for the time being appointed by virtue of the said recited act shall cause an abstract of the said act to be made containing the substance of all such regulations and duties therein made and enjoined, as relate to the commanders, masters or persons having charge of ships or vessels bound to the port of Philadelphia, and have a competent number of copies of such abstracts printed in the English, French and German languages and distributed to an amongst the licensed pilots so as to enable each and every of the said pilots to furnish and deliver one of the said copies to the commander or master of each and every inward bound vessel he shall take charge of.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of each and every of

³ Ante.

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the said pilots, and the same is hereby enjoined to deliver one of the said abstracts or copies to the commander or master of each and every inward bound ship or vessel he may take charge of as pilot or shall otherwise fully inform such commander or master of the nature and purport of the said regulations and of the duties thereby enjoined; and such pilot shall not presume to conduct such ship or vessel nearer to the city of Philadelphia than is consistent with the said regulations on pain of being suspended from exercising the duties and receiving the emoluments of a pilot for twelve months and paying a fine of fifty pounds for every such offense to be recovered and appropriated as is directed in and by the act to which this is a supplement.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the ballast of any ship or vessel judged or deemed infectious under the act to which this is a supplement shall not be brought up to the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, or the Northern Liberties, but the same shall be thrown out or discharged at such place as the health officer may direct and appoint under the penalty of one hundred pounds to be recovered and appropriated as aforesaid.

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See the Act of Assembly passed January 22, 1774, Chapter 691.

CHAPTER MXXXV.

AN ACT TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM AN AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTling THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIVER DELAWARE, AND ISLANDS WITHIN THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas commissioners duly appointed on the part of the state of New Jersey and commissioners duly appointed on the part of the state of Pennsylvania for the purpose of settling the jurisdiction of the river Delaware and islands