

and that each commissioner shall, whilst on the business aforesaid, receive for his services seven shillings and six pence per diem, and no more, to be paid by the said Samuel Potts.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the treasurer aforesaid, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, become bound to the president in council, with two sufficient securities in the sum of five thousand pounds, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of his trust.

[Section VII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said recited act and the two supplements aforesaid, and every part and parcel thereof, except such parts as are herein altered or amended, shall be taken to be and remain in full force, virtue and effect, anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed March 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 267, etc. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 465.

CHAPTER MLXXIX.

AN ACT FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF LEARNING,
BY VESTING A RIGHT TO THE COPIES OF PRINTED BOOKS IN THE
AUTHORS OR PURCHASERS OF SUCH COPIES, DURING THE TIME
THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the honorable the Congress of the United States, by their resolution of the second day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, have recommended to the several states to secure to the authors or publishers of any new books not hitherto printed, being citizens of the United States, and to their executors, administrators and assigns, the copy right of such books for a certain time:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas printers, booksellers and other persons have heretofore frequently taken the liberty of printing, reprinting and publishing or causing to be reprinted and

published books and other writings without the consent of the author or proprietors of such books and writings, to their very great detriment, and the damage of their families, for preventing therefore such practices for the future, and for the encouragement of learned men to compose and write useful books, and in order to give all due force to the recommendations of congress.

[Section I.] (Section III, 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 from and after the passing of this act, the author of any book or pamphlet not yet printed, being a citizen of the United States of America, and his heirs and assigns, shall have the exclusive right of printing, publishing and vending the same, within this state, for the term of fourteen years, to commence from the day of its first printing or publication in this state; and if any person or persons within the term of fourteen years as aforesaid, shall presume to print, publish, vend or distribute any such book or pamphlet within this state, or to introduce into this state for sale, any copies of such book or pamphlet printed beyond the limits of this state, without the consent of the author or proprietor thereof first lawfully obtained, every such person or persons, shall forfeit and pay to the author or proprietor of such book or pamphlet double the value of all the copies of such book or pamphlet so printed, published, vended, distributed or introduced for sale, to be recovered by such author or proprietor in any court of this state where the same may be cognizable, or if under the value of five pounds, before any two justices of the county where such offense is committed:

[Section IV, P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That no author, assignee or proprietor of any such book or pamphlet, shall be entitled to the benefit of this act, until he shall duly register his name as author, assignee or proprietor with the title of such book or pamphlet in the prothonotary's office, in the city of Philadelphia, who is hereby required to enter the same on record, for which he shall receive five shillings and no more.

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by

the authority aforesaid, That at the expiration of the aforesaid term of fourteen years in the cases herein before mentioned, the exclusive right of printing and disposing of any such book or pamphlet in this state shall return to the author thereof, if then living, his heirs and assigns for the term of fourteen years more, and that all and every person or persons who shall reprint, publish, vend, distribute or import within this state any copies thereof, without the consent of such author or proprietor obtained as aforesaid, during said second term of fourteen years shall be liable to the same penalties to be recovered in the same manner as is herein before directed:

(Section VI, P. L.) And [be] it provided also that no author or proprietor of any book or pamphlet shall be entitled to the benefit of this act unless he shall insert on the back of the title page, a copy of the certificate of entry obtained of the prothonotary aforesaid, which the said prothonotary is hereby required to grant without any further reward.

[Section III.] (Section VII, P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That this act shall not take place until such time as all and every of the states in the union shall have passed laws, similar to the same, in conformity to the recommendation of congress aforesaid.

Passed March 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 272, etc.

CHAPTER MLXXX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ERECTING PART OF THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD INTO A SEPARATE COUNTY."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by the act the title whereof is above recited the trustees therein named, viz: Robert Hanna, George Wilson, Samuel Sloan, Joseph Irwin and John Cavet or any three of of them were empowered by the said act to purchase

¹ Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 678.