

THE STATUTES AT LARGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CHAPTER MCLXVIII.

AN ACT TO REPEAL PART OF AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ERECTING ANY NEW AND INDEPENDENT STATE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH," SO FAR AS IT DIRECTS TRIAL FOR OFFENSES IN ANOTHER COUNTY THAN THAT IN WHICH THE OFFENCE WAS OR MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

(Section 1. P. L.) Whereas by the common law, trial is by jury of the vicinage and in Pennsylvania the trial of offenses has invariably been by good and lawful men of the county wherein the offence was committed:

And whereas it is declared and established by the constitution of this commonwealth that trial shall be by jury as heretofore:

And whereas in and by an act of assembly of this commonwealth entitled, "An act to prevent the erecting any new and independent state within the limits of this commonwealth,"¹ enacted on the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, it was enacted that if any person or persons should commit any offence against the said act, every such offender might be tried at the discretion and upon the order of the supreme executive council in any other county than that in which the offence should have been committed:

[Section 1.] (Section 11. P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Common-

¹ Chapter 1000.

wealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That the act entitled "An act to prevent the erecting a new and independent state within the limits of this commonwealth,"¹ so far as it directs, enables or countenances the trial of any person or persons charged with offence or offences in another county than the county wherein such offence was done or committed or alleged to be done or committed, shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed August, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 542.

CHAPTER MCLXIX

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION OF GERMANTOWN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Section 1. P. L.) Whereas the congregation of the German Lutheran Church of Germantown township in the county of Philadelphia have prayed that their said congregation may be incorporated and by law enabled as a body politic and corporate to receive and hold such charitable donations and bequests as have been or that hereafter may be made to their said society, and vested with such powers and privileges as are enjoyed by other religious societies who are incorporated in this state.

And whereas this house is disposed to exercise the powers vested in the legislature of the commonwealth for the encouragement of pious and charitable purposes:

[Section 1.] (Section 11. 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 Reverend John Frederick Schmidt, the present minister of said congregation, Wichard Miller, Christian Schneider, Charles Hay, Samuel Machlin, John Frey and George Hacker, the present trustees; John George