

executive council as they shall deem necessary in the sum of five hundred pounds conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty as directed by this act.

(Section XVI. P. L.) [Section XVI.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all acts heretofore made in any way respecting the storing or keeping of gunpowder in the said city or the adjacent country within two miles of the said city or in any part of the liberties of the same shall be and are hereby repealed.

Passed March 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 199, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed April 13, 1791, Chapter 1573; April 18, 1795, Chapter 1857.

CHAPTER MCCLXXX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT APPOINTING DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION INTENDED TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION."¹

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by the act to which this act is a supplement certain persons were appointed as deputies from this state to sit in the said convention:

And whereas it is the desire of the General Assembly that his excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, President of this State, should also sit in the said convention as a deputy from this state:

Therefore:

(Section II. P. L.) [Section I.] 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 his excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, be and he is hereby appointed and authorized to sit in the said convention as a deputy from this state in addition to the persons heretofore appointed and that he be and he

¹ Passed December 30, 1786. Chapter 1260.

hereby is invested with like powers and authorities as are invested in the said deputies or any of them.

Passed March 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 202, etc.

CHAPTER MCCLXXXI.

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A COURT OF ADMIRALTY SESSIONS FOR THE TRIAL OF CRIMES AND OFFENCES OTHER THAN PIRACIES AND FELONIES COMMITTED ON THE HIGH SEAS OR WITHIN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by the ninth article of the confederation of the United States, the United States in congress assembled have the sole and exclusive right and power of appointing courts for the trial of piracies and felonies committed on the high seas:

And whereas crimes and offences inferior in degree to piracies and felonies may be committed within admiralty jurisdiction and it is proper and necessary that a court should be erected and established for the trial of such inferior crimes and offences for the furtherance of justice and the punishment of evil doers.

(Section II. P. L.) [Section I.] 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 crimes and offences under the degree of felony which shall be done or committed on the high seas or without admiralty jurisdiction from and after the passing of this act shall be inquired of, tried, adjudged and punished and not otherwise by a court consisting of the judge of the admiralty of the state for the time being who shall be president thereof and of any two justices of the city court for the city of Philadelphia or of the court of quarter sessions for the county of Philadelphia whom the judge of the admiralty shall take to his assistance for the purpose aforesaid, and the said court of oyer and terminer shall be styled and entitled "The