

vice-president in council are hereby authorized and empowered to draw an order on the state treasurer in favor of James McManas for the sum of one hundred pounds to be placed in the hands of the managers of the house of employment of this city for his immediate support.

Passed March 28, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 362.

CHAPTER MCCCXLIV.

AN ACT TO EXONERATE JOSEPH FRY, DOOR KEEPER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FROM ANY CHARGE FOR RENT OR OTHER DEMANDS FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF HIS OCCUPYING OF PART OF THE WESTERN WING OF THE STATE HOUSE AND CONSUMING THE HERBAGE OF THE STATE HOUSE YARD.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it has been represented to this house by Joseph Fry, door-keeper thereof, that an account has been exhibited against him by the comptroller-general for a sum by way of rent for his occupying of the part of the western wing of the state house in which he and his family dwell, and for the herbage of the state house yard heretofore consumed by cattle for his use:

And whereas it appears to this house that such charges have not been customary against former door-keepers and that the privileges for which the said Joseph Fry is considered by the comptroller-general as liable to make compensation are but a reasonable allowance for extra services and the care of the state house which the said Joseph Fry is obliged constantly to exercise as well during the sitting as in the recess of the house:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 all charges, claims and demands whatsoever which are or may be made against the said

Joseph Fry, his executors or administrators for or on account of the premises are hereby extinguished and released to the said Joseph Fry, his executors and administrators and the door-keeper to the general assembly for the time being is hereby permitted without rent or charge on account of the same to occupy as heretofore the said apartments.

Passed March 29, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 362.

CHAPTER MCCCXLV.

AN ACT TO EXPLAIN AND AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE GRADUAL ABOLITION OF SLAVERY."¹

(Section I, P. L.) For preventing many evils and abuses arising from ill disposed persons availing themselves of certain defects in the act for the gradual abolition of slavery passed on the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty¹:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 the exception contained in the tenth section of the aforesaid act relative to domestic slaves attending upon persons passing through or sojourning in this state and not becoming resident therein shall not be deemed or taken to extend to the slaves of such persons as are inhabitants of or resident in this state or who shall come here with an intention to settle and reside, but that all and every slave and slaves who shall be brought into this state by persons inhabiting or residing therein or intending to inhabit or reside therein shall be immediately considered, deemed and taken to be free to all intents and purposes.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no negro or mulatto slave or servant for term of years (except as in the last exception of the