

causes of their complaint, and grounds of their representation, the governor shall thereupon, unless such causes and grounds are manifestly frivolous and insufficient, forthwith remove such officer, and appoint another in his place.

[Section XIV.] (Section XIV, P. L.) And be it further townships of the Northern Liberties and Moyamensing, shall be enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no citizen or inhabitant of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, or the disqualified from fitting as judges or jurors, or from giving testimony respecting any of the offenses mentioned in this act, by reason of his or their common interest in the appropriation of the sum or penalty imposed for such offence.

[Section XV.] (Section XV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for two years, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly, and no longer.

Passed April 4, 1798. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 306. See the Act of April 22, 1794, Chapter 1759; and the repealing Act of April 11, 1799, Chapter 2094.

CHAPTER MMVIII.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR MAKING AN ARTIFICIAL ROAD FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO THE BOROUGH OF LANCASTER."¹

For the more effectual preventing evasions of the salutary regulations intended in and by the act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That if an person or per-

¹Passed April 9, 1792, Chapter 1640.

sons whatsoever, owning, riding in, or driving any sulkey, chair, chaise, phaeton, cart, wagon, wain, sleigh, sled, or other carriage of burden or pleasure or owning, riding, leading, or driving any horse, mare, gelding, hogs, sheep or other cattle, shall therewith pass through any private gate or bars, or along or over any private passageway or other ground, near to or adjoining any turnpike or gate, erected, or which shall be erected, in pursuance of the act to which this is a supplement, with an intent to defraud the company and evade the payment of the toll or duty for passing through any such gate or turnpike, or if any person or persons shall, with such intent, take off, or cause to be taken off, any horse, mare, gelding or other cattle from any sulkey chair, chaise, phaeton, cart, wagon, wain, sleigh, sled, or other carriage of burden or pleasure or practice any other fraudulent means or device with the intent that the payment of any such toll or duty may be evaded or lessened, or if any person or persons, having, claiming, or taking the benefit of any exemption or privilege, by virtue of this act, or the said recited act, or any clause, matter or thing herein or therein contained, not being entitled thereto, or committing any fraud or abuse thereof, either by him, her or themselves, or by giving any license to any other person or persons not entitled to such privilege or exemption, whereby or by means whereof the said tolls or duties might be lessened or evaded, or with any such intent, all and every person and persons, in all and every, or any of the ways or manners aforesaid [offending], shall, for every such offence, respectively forfeit and pay to the president, managers and company of the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike road, any sum not less than four nor more than fifteen dollars, to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, before any justice of the peace, in like manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations as debts under twenty pounds may be sued for and recovered.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall wilfully break, deface, or pull up any milestone, placed, or which shall be placed, in pursuance of the said recited act, on the side of the road laid out in pursuance thereof, or shall obliterate

the letters or figures inscribed thereon, or therein, or if any person or persons shall break, pull down, destroy or injure any post, erected, or to be erected, in pursuance of the said recited act, at the intersection of any road falling into and leading out of the said turnpike road, or the board or index-hand affixed thereto, in conformity to the directions of the said recited act, or if any person or persons shall obliterate the letters or figures inscribed or fixed thereon, or if any person or persons shall destroy or obliterate, or in any wise injure or deface the letters, figures, or other characters marked at any turnpike or any gate, erected, or to be erected, in pursuance of the said recited act, for all or any of the purposes therein mentioned, or the whole or any part or parts of any printed list of the rates of tolls, affixed, or to be affixed, in pursuance of the directions of the said recited act, at any such gate or turnpike, he, she or they, so offending in the premises, shall, and each of them shall, for every such offence, severally and respectively forfeit and pay to the said president, managers and company, the sum of twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, before any justice of the peace, in like manner as aforesaid.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the purpose of ascertaining the weight that may be drawn along the said road in any cart, wagon, or other carriage of burden, it shall and may be lawful for the said president, managers and company to erect and establish scales and weights, at or near such and so many of the gates, erected, or to be erected, in pursuance of the said recited act, as they may think proper; and where there may seem reasonable cause to suspect that any cart, wagon, or other carriage of burden, carries a greater weight than is or shall be by law allowable, for their tollgatherers, or other persons in their service or employment, to prevent the same from passing such gate or turnpike, until such cart, wagon or other carriage of burden shall be drawn into the scales fixed or erected at or near any such gate or turnpike, and the weight or burden drawn therein ascertained by weighing; and if the person or persons driving, or having care or charge of any such cart, wagon, or other carriage of burden, shall refuse to drive the same into

any such scales, for the purpose aforesaid, the person or persons so refusing shall forfeit and pay to the said president, managers and company, any sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars, to be recovered in the manner hereinbefore mentioned.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any action or suit shall be brought or prosecuted by any person or persons, for anything done in pursuance of this or the said recited act, or former supplement thereto, in relation to the premises, every such suit or action shall be commenced within six months next after the fact committed, and not afterwards; and the defendant or defendants in such action or suit may plead the general issue, and give this and the said recited act, and former supplement and the special matter, in evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this and the said recited act and the former supplement; and this act shall be and continue in force during the term of two years and no longer.

Passed April 4, 1798. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 277, etc. Time extended by Act of April 11, 1799, Chapter 2092.

CHAPTER MMIX.

AN ACT LIMITING THE TERM, DURING WHICH JUDGMENT SHALL BE A LIEN ON REAL ESTATE, AND SUITS MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE SURETIES OF PUBLIC OFFICES.

Whereas the provision heretofore made by law for preventing the risk and inconvenience to purchasers of real estate, by suffering judgments to remain a lien for an indefinite length of time, without any process to continue or revive the same, hath not been affectual. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by