

CHAPTER LXVII.

An ACT to authorize the further improvement of the state-house-yard, in the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Philadelphia in pursuance of the authority given to them by the fourth section of the act of the general assembly, passed the thirtieth day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, have lowered the walls of the east and west sides of the state-house-yard, and placed iron palisadoes thereon agreeably to the direction of the said act; and whereas, it would add to the improvement of the public walks if the south wall was also lowered, and palisadoes erected thereon; Therefore,

SECT. I. *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 the authority of the same,* That the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, shall have power, at the expense of said city, to take down the wall on the south side of the State-House-yard, to within three feet of the pavement, and erect thereon good and substantial palisadoes of iron, fixed on stone capping leaving a spacious opening or gate-way in the centre thereof, and fixing suitable folding gates thereto.

South side of the state-house wall to be taken down, &c. Iron palisadoes to be affixed. Gate way to be left.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, during the pleasure of the legislature, to take charge and care of the state-house-yard, and they are hereby authorized to pass ordinances for the preservation of order and decorum within the same, and to prohibit therein the use or practice of any unlawful game, sport or diversion, or any improper conduct whatever, and prescribe the time at which the gates thereof shall daily be opened and closed.

Select and common councils to take charge of the state-house-yard. And pass ordinances respecting.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall be taken to impair the title of this commonwealth to the said state-house and the lot thereto appertaining.

Title of the state to remain unaffected, &c.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the resolution of the legislature, passed the seventeenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, as directs that it shall be the duty of Charles Wilson Peale to take charge and care of the state-house-yard, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of a former resolution repealed.

JONH TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.