

Proviso.

of he died seized and possessed, shall be and the same is hereby vested in Lydia Bowdery, the widow of the said George Bowdery, to be held by her, her heirs and assigns: *Provided*, That no other right of this Commonwealth, except that derived by the said escheat or supposed escheat, shall pass by virtue of this act, nor shall the rights of individuals be in any wise affected or impaired thereby.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXII.

AN ACT

For dividing the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, into Wards, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS from the increased population of the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, great inconveniencies have been experienced, not only in making assessments and collecting taxes, but also in conducting the general elections for the said district.

For remedy whereof,

Seven wards
created.

Boundaries of
the first ward.

Of the second
ward.

SECT. 1. *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 from and after the passing of this act, the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, shall be divided into seven wards in manner following, viz. So much of the said district as is bounded by the river Delaware on the east, by Vine street on the south, by Third street on the west, and by Willow street, commonly called "Pegg's run," on the north, shall be one district, to be called "First Ward." So much of the said district as is bounded by Third street on the east, by Vine street on the

south, by Sixth street on the west, and by Willow street aforesaid on the north, shall be one district, to be called "Second Ward." So much of the said district as is bounded by the river Delaware on the east, by Willow street on the south, by Third street on the west, and by Green street and Well's alley, commonly called "Whitehall street," and the line thereof continued to the river Delaware on the north, shall be one district, to be called "Third Ward." So much of the said district as is bounded by Third street on the east, by Willow street on the south, by Sixth street on the west, and by Green street on the north, shall be one district, to be called "Fourth Ward." So much of the said district as is bounded by the river Delaware on the east, partly by Third Ward and Whitehall street, and partly by Green street on the south, by Third street on the west, and by Poplar lane and that part of Cohocksink creek, called "The Canal," on the north, shall be one district, to be called "Fifth Ward." So much of the said district as is bounded by Third street on the east, by Green street on the south, by Sixth street on the west, and by Poplar lane on the north, shall be one district, to be called "Sixth Ward." And so much of the said district as is bounded by Cohocksink creek on the north and east, by Poplar lane on the south, and by Sixth street on the west, shall be one district, to be called "Seventh Ward."

Of the third ward.
Of the fourth ward.
Of the fifth ward.
Of the sixth ward.
Of the seventh ward.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the electors of each of the said wards, shall annually elect the same number of assessors as by the fourth section of the act, entitled "An act to raise and collect county rates and levies," passed the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, is directed for the several wards in the city of Philadelphia, and also two inspectors of the general election, and two persons to be returned to the court of quarter sessions, one of whom shall be appointed constable of the ward by which he was elected. And the said election shall be held at the same time and under the same regulations, as are now by law provided and practiced in the said district, for the election of assessors, inspectors and constables respectively.

Number of assessors, inspectors and constables to be elected.
Time and manner of holding the election.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the election for constables to be held in March next, shall be held at such place in each ward as may be fixed on by the present constables of the said district, or a majority of them, who shall give at least six days notice of the time and place for holding such election, by hand bills posted up in not less than ten of the most public places in each ward; and the said elections shall be opened and superintended by three qualified electors, to be appointed by a majority of the electors present at the time fixed on for opening said elections, and the returns shall be made by them in the usual manner.

Place of electing the constables in March next.
Notice to be given.
Number of superintendents of the elections, and how appointed.

Constables to reside in the ward.

To give notice of elections for inspectors, &c.

Time and manner of opening and superintending the same.

Penalty on the constable for refusal or neglect of duty.

Where the elections shall be held.

Mode of supplying the absence, &c. of the constable.

Where the general and district elections shall be held.

When and how long continued.

What place the inspectors shall occupy.

Number of judges and mode of appointment.

Repeal.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the constables shall reside, during their continuance in office, within the limits of the wards respectively for which they were elected, and they shall severally give notice of the time and place of holding the elections for inspectors, assessors and constables, by hand bills to be posted up in at least ten of the most public places in each ward; and the said elections shall be opened at the time and superintended in the manner prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," passed the fifteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and the acts supplementary thereto; and for refusing or neglecting to perform the several duties prescribed by this act, each and every constable shall incur a penalty of ninety-five dollars to be recovered for the benefit of the corporation as debts of equal amount now are or hereafter may be by law recoverable.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the elections for constables, assessors and inspectors to be held under and by virtue of this act, shall be held in the most convenient central public house within the said several wards that can be obtained by the constables respectively, and in case of the absence, removal from the ward, neglect, refusal, resignation, death or inability of either or any of the said constables to perform the duties enjoined by this act, such duties shall be performed by a proper qualified elector, to be appointed by a majority of the remaining constables of the said district.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act the general election for the said district, and all elections to be held under the act of incorporation of the said district, shall be held at the commissioners' hall in the said district, and shall be opened between the hours of eight and ten in the forenoon, and shall continue without interruption or adjournment until the electors who shall come to the said election shall have an opportunity to vote; and the inspectors of each ward shall at said election occupy one window or door of said hall, in exclusion of the inspector or inspectors of any other ward or place; and the number of judges of said election shall be five who shall be appointed by the said inspectors at the times and in the manner directed by the said act, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections within this commonwealth," passed the fifteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and the several acts supplementary thereto.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any and every act or acts of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth as are altered or supplied by this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed: *Pro*

vided however, That the present assessors and constables shall continue in the performance of their several duties until others are elected as aforesaid.

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CHAPTER LXIII.

AN ACT

Vesting in the corporation of the city of Philadelphia a certain lot of ground for the purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it is represented to the legislature that by the original charter of incorporation from William Penn to the city of Philadelphia, dated the twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and one, a piece of ground described as a swamp between Budd's buildings and Society Hill, and lying at the southern extremity of Dock street and bounding on Front and Spruce streets, was granted to the said city to be left open and common for the use and service of the same, with liberty to dig docks and make harbors for ships and vessels in all or any part of the said swamp. And whereas the right to grant the said swamp to the city at the date of the charter appears to have been doubtful, the ground having been previously covered by the survey of John Marsh one of the first purchasers from the proprietary, and about sixty years since Thomas Penn then proprietor of Pennsylvania, having purchased the title of the said John Marsh by a patent reciting the previous grant by charter to the city, and setting forth his desire to comply with the intention of his deceased ancestor as therein expressed, granted and confirmed the premises to the corporation of the city for the same uses and purposes as were stated in the same charter. And whereas in process of time the said swamp hath become fast land, and is now several feet higher than the highest tides of the river, that it is encompassed on all sides by buildings, and separated from the Delaware by Front and Water streets so that shipping cannot approach nearer to it than about two hundred and fifty feet; for which reasons it