

CHAPTER LI.

AN ACT

For the promotion of agriculture and domestic manufactures.

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 so soon as the board of commissioners and two thirds of the grand jury of any county within this commonwealth, shall agree in writing under their respective hands, which agreement shall be filed in the office of the prothonotary of the proper county, that a society shall be established within the same, then it shall and may be lawful for twenty or more inhabitants of any such county, fifteen of whom shall be practical and actual farmers, under the name of The society for the promotion of agriculture and domestic manufactures, in and for such county, shall sign an agreement, promising to pay to the treasurer of said society so long as he shall remain a member thereof, the sum of one dollar each, or more, annually for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and cause such agreement to be filed in the office of the prothonotary of the proper county, every such society shall by virtue of this act become a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, with perpetual succession, and all the rights, liberties, privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, for all the purposes of this act, and to admit new members upon the terms aforesaid: *Provided,* That the society at present incorporated under the name of the Philadelphia society for promoting agriculture, shall be deemed and taken as the society for the city and county of Philadelphia, and shall be entitled to receive from the county treasury the monies designated by the third section of this act, and shall be subject to all the rules, regulations and restrictions contained in the provisions of this act: *And provided also,* That the association which shall have first filed their articles of agreement shall be the only one entitled to the privileges granted by this act.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said societies respectively, shall meet at some convenient place on the Wednesday of the next court of common pleas, after the said agreements shall have been filed as aforesaid, and choose by a majority of votes out of their number, one president, ten directors, one treasurer and one secretary, who shall be officers of said society for one year and until others are duly elected: And the said societies respectively, at their first meeting shall have power to fix on the time and place of their annual meetings on such day of the year as they shall designate, which shall continue to be the day of the annual meeting of the societies respectively, until otherwise altered by a vote of the members as aforesaid, and also

Grand jury and commissioners must consent to formation of societies.

Twenty or more must associate.

Agreement to be filed.

Proviso.

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Societies shall meet and choose officers.

Annual meeting fixed.

Rules and bye-laws.

President and directors may call special meetings.

Commissioners shall levy \$50 for each member of such county in House of Representatives.

Proviso.

Society shall publish the condition of rewards.

Society shall meet to determine upon rewards.

Orders on the treasurer.

to make their own rules and bye-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this state, and to add other officers to those designated, and prescribe their respective duties: And the president and directors shall have power to summon special meetings of said societies respectively, at such other times as to them shall seem proper.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at the next assessment of county rates and levies, after said societies respectively shall have been established and organized in any county within this commonwealth, and annually thereafter, the county commissioners are hereby required to assess, levy and cause to be collected in the same manner that county rates and levies are assessed, levied and collected, an additional sum of fifty dollars for every member which said counties respectively are or may be entitled to elect to the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, and to cause the same to be paid to the treasurer of the society by warrants drawn on the county treasurer, to be expended together with their annual subscriptions in the manner hereinafter mentioned: *Provided,* That if a society shall be formed in any county not entitled to elect a member to the House of Representatives, such society shall be entitled to receive fifty dollars from the county treasury annually, but the provisions of this act, shall in no case extend to any county until the same shall have been organised for judicial purposes.

Sect. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every such society at some general meeting thereof, shall fix and determine upon such articles of agriculture, production or improvement in domestic manufactures as in their judgment are entitled to encouragement by rewards; and shall fix, ascertain and publish in such manner as shall be directed by their bye-laws, such rewards and the conditions whereon the same shall become due and payable to the person or persons, who shall by his, her or their skill or industry, according to such conditions become entitled to the same: And the said directors or a majority of them, shall at their stated meetings, or at such times and places as shall be prescribed by the bye-laws of such society, meet for the purpose of hearing the parties applying for such rewards, and of examining their proofs or specimens, and shall have full power and authority to determine whether any or either of the applicants is entitled to the reward so advertised according to the conditions thereto annexed, and to draw orders to be signed by the president on the treasurer for the amount of such rewards in favor of the persons to whom the same shall have been adjudged; which orders the treasurer shall pay out of the monies in his hands, arising from the said taxes and subscriptions.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the treasurer of every society established by virtue

of this act, shall once in every year exhibit to the auditors of the proper county, an account of the sums by them received from the produce of the said taxes and subscriptions, and in what manner, to what persons and for what rewards the same have been paid and expended: And the said auditors shall have the same power to settle the accounts of such society, as they by law now have to settle the accounts of county commissioners, and shall publish the same for the information of the citizens of the proper county, at the expense of said societies respectively.

Accounts to be exhibited to auditors.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each president, secretary and director of every such society, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall subscribe a promise, to be entered in the book of their minutes and transactions, that he will well, and truly and faithfully perform the duty of a director according to the best of his judgment and skill, without fee, reward, favor or partiality; and each treasurer of any such society shall give bond with one or more surety or sureties, in such penalty as shall be required by the president and directors, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him, and for the payment of all monies that shall come into his hands belonging to such society, to such person or persons as the said president and directors shall order, or to his successor in the said office of treasurer.

Officers of society to promise in writing to perform their duty, &c.

Treasurer to give bond.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That rewards for promoting or increasing the culture of sugar from the maple or sugar tree, or any other substances, the extraction of salts from ashes of vegetables, the introduction of any new grain, grass or root into cultivation, the raising the greatest quantity of grain, grass or roots on any given quantity of ground, the invention of any new and useful utensils in husbandry, the raising and manufacturing of wool, hemp and flax in greater quantities, or improving the value thereof, the introduction of mineral or other manures, the improvement of the breed of horses, black cattle, sheep or hogs, the making of butter or cheese, in any given quantities, and of the best qualities, or any improvement in all or every of the articles aforesaid, shall always be considered by the said society as among the objects contemplated by this act.

Certain objects contemplated.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases when monies may remain in the treasury of any such society, after the payment of the rewards aforesaid shall have been made, the president and directors of such society shall have power to employ the monies so remaining, in the purchase of books relating to agriculture, mechanics and manufactures, or in the purchase and improvement of a piece of land more or less, for the purpose of a pattern farm.

Surplus monies.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the secretary of each society, formed or adopted

Statement to be transmitted to Secretary of Commonwealth.

by virtue of this act, shall draw up annually a statement of the transactions of the year, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, whose duty it shall be to cause the same to be bound and deposited in the library of the Commonwealth.

Act to continue 8 years.

SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby continued in force for eight years and no longer.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LII.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Kensington district of the Northern Liberties.

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 the inhabitants of that part of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, beginning at the mouth of Cohocksink creek and the line of the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties, thence along the river Delaware to the south line of the land late Gibson's, thence along the said line to Gunner's creek, and across the same to the south line of land late of Isaac Norris, deceased, and now of J. P. Norris, thence along the same line the several courses thereof across the Frankford road to the Germantown road, thence down the eastwardly side of the said Germantown road to the middle of sixth-street continued, thence along the middle of the same to the line of the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties, thence along the line of the same to the place of beginning, be, and they and their successors forever, are hereby constituted a body politic in fact and in law, by the name and title of "The commissioners and inhabitants of the Kensington district of the Northern Liberties:" And by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and they and their successors shall at all times forever be able and capable in law, to purchase, have, hold, take, receive, possess

Boundaries of district.

Title.

Powers.