

CHAPTER XCIV.

AN ACT

Concerning bills of exchange.

How & what
damages and
charges may
be recovered
upon protest-
ed bills of
exchange.

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 whenever any bill of exchange hereafter to be drawn or indorsed within this commonwealth, upon any person or persons or body corporate, of, or in any other state, territory or place, shall be returned unpaid with a legal protest, the person or persons to whom the same shall or may be payable, shall be entitled to recover and receive of and from the drawer or drawers, or the indorser or indorsers of such bill of exchange, the damages hereinafter specified over and above the principal sum for which such bill of exchange shall have been drawn, and the charges of protest together with lawful interest on the amount of such principal sum, damages and charges of protest, from the time at which notice of such protest shall have been given, and the payment of said principal sum and damages, and charges of protest demanded, that is to say, if such bill shall have been drawn upon any person or persons, or body corporate, of, or in any of the United States or territories thereof, excepting the state of Louisiana, five per cent. upon such principal sum, if upon any person or persons, or body corporate, of, or in Louisiana, or of, or in any other state or place in North America or the islands thereof, excepting the north west coast of America and Mexico, or of, or in any of the West India or Bahama islands, ten per cent. upon such principal sum; if upon any person or persons, or body corporate, of, or in the island of Madeira, the Canaries, the Azores, the Cape de Verd islands, the Spanish Main or Mexico, fifteen per cent. upon such principal sum; if upon any person or persons, or body corporate, of, or in any state or place in Europe, or any of the islands thereof, twenty per cent. upon such principal sum; if upon any person or persons, or body corporate, of, or any other part of the world, twenty-five per cent. upon such principal sum.

Damages re-
covered to
be in lieu of
interest, &c.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the damages which by this act are to be recovered upon any bill of exchange, shall be in lieu of interest and all other charges, except the charges of protest to the time when notice of the protest and demand of payment shall have been given and made as aforesaid, and the amount of such bill and of the damages payable thereon as specified in this act, shall be ascertained and determined by the rate of exchange, or value of the money or currency mentioned in

such bill, at the time of notice of protest and demand of payment as before mentioned.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the act passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred, entitled "An act concerning bills of exchange," be, and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.

JOHN GILMORE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM MARKS, Junior,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

JOSEPH HIESTER.

CHAPTER XCV.

AN ACT

Providing for the furnishing of the State Capitol, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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 Governor, the Auditor General, the State Treasurer, William Graydon, Jacob Bucher, Francis R. Shunk and Joseph A. M'Jimsey, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to superintend the furnishing of the State Capitol, a majority of whom shall be competent to perform any and all the duties hereinafter required of them, that is to say: They shall as soon as may be after the passing of this act, publish in at least five newspapers printed within this commonwealth, stating that they are authorised and will contract, on the best terms they can obtain with any person or persons who may be able to give such security as may be required of them, for the true and faithful performance of such contract, for the making, constructing, furnishing and delivering the following enumerated articles of furniture, and such other things as the said commissioners may think necessary or convenient for the accommodation of the executive magistrate, and both houses of the legislature and their officers, and for the preservation of the capitol and wings from damage. Commissioners appointed to superintend the furnishing the State Capitol.