

CHAPTER LXXXIV.

An ACT to provide for the distribution of the Laws and Journals, of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth.

Section 1. **B**E 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 printers who shall publish the laws, agreeably to a resolution of the general assembly, passed this session, shall on or before the first day of June annually, deliver three thousand copies into the office of the Secretary of this commonwealth, whereupon the Governor shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of such printer, for such sum of money as shall have been previously agreed on for the printing of such laws.

The printers of the laws to deliver 3000 copies thereof into the Secretary's office on or before the 1st of June annually.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary of the commonwealth shall cause the said copies of the laws to be distributed in the following manner, to wit: Thirty copies thereof to the clerk of the senate, for the use of the senate and the members thereof respectively; one hundred copies to the clerk of the house of representatives, for the use of the house and the members thereof respectively; and shall distribute the residue in manner following: To the prothonotary of the supreme court six copies, one thereof for each of the judges, one for the attorney-general, and one for himself; to the Governor one, and retain one for the Secretary's own use; to the secretary of the land-office, surveyor-general and receiver-

How said laws are to be distributed.

receiver-general, each one copy; to the controller-general, register-general, state treasurer, and master of the rolls, one copy each; to the clerk of the mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, forty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Bucks, eighty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Chester, ninety-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, ninety-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Northampton, ninety copies; to the prothonotary of the county of York, seventy copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Cumberland, seventy-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Berks, ninety-five copies, to the prothonotary of the county of Bedford, fifty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Northumberland, one hundred copies; to the prothonotary of the counties of Westmoreland and Armstrong, ninety copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Washington, one hundred copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Fayette, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Franklin, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Montgomery, eighty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Dauphin, sixty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Luzerne, sixty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of Allegheny, including the counties of Beaver and Butler, one hundred copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Mifflin, fifty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Delaware, fifty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Lycoming, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Somerset, forty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Greene, forty-five

ty-five copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Wayne, forty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Adams, fifty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Centre, forty copies; and to the prothonotary of the counties of Crawford, Venango, Warren, Erie and Mercer, one hundred copies.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the printers of the journals of the senate and house of representatives, shall deliver the said journals into the office of the Secretary of this commonwealth, on or before the first day of June annually; and the said Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, after delivering to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, a sufficient number of copies of the laws and journals, for the use of their respective houses and the members thereof, and also to the respective officers residing at the seat of government, to cause the remainder of the laws, agreeably to the proportion mentioned in the second section of this act, and the journals in proportion to the number of representatives each county may have in the legislature of this commonwealth, to be within one month after they have been delivered into his office, transmitted at the expence of the state, to the respective prothonotaries within the same, to be paid out of the funds appropriated for the support of government.

When the journals are to be delivered at the secretary's office, and of their distribution.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the prothonotaries of the respective counties, on receipt of the laws and journals annually, shall as soon as may be, give notice thereof, in a newspaper printed within such county, or where there is no such paper printed within such county, by advertisements posted

Of the duties of the prothonotaries of the several counties on receipt of the laws and journals.

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ed up in different parts of the county, purporting that the laws and journals of the last session are ready to be delivered out by them, to the persons entitled to receive the same, agreeably to the provisions of this act; and the expence of publishing or advertizing as aforesaid, shall be paid on orders drawn by the commissioners on the treasurer of such county, out of the county stock.

How they are
to distribute
the laws and
journals.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the prothonotaries of the respective counties shall distribute the laws and journals in the following manner and order, viz. One copy of each for himself and for the clerks of the different courts if the offices are divided; one to the register and recorder, if said offices are divided; one to the president and one to each of the associate justices of the court; one to the board of commissioners; and one copy of each to be delivered by such prothonotary, to each constable of the respective wards or townships for which such constable was elected or appointed, to be by such constable delivered into the hands of the person occupying the house where the township elections for the choice of constables are held; and it shall be the duty of such constable annually, under the penalty of five dollars for every neglect or refusal, to procure and lodge the said copies of the laws and journals at such place of holding the elections as aforesaid, which laws and journals shall be kept at such house for the free inspection of every inhabitant, at all seasonable times, within such ward or township; and one copy of such laws and journals, if any journals be left after the aforesaid distribution, shall on application, be delivered to each justice of the peace, sheriff, county commissioner, treasurer, deputy-surveyor and brigade

gale inspector, and to each associated library company; and the remainder, if any, shall be retained by such prothonotary, to supply deficiencies in any of the aforesaid offices: *Provided*, That the said prothonotaries respectively, shall not deliver any of said laws or journals without taking a receipt therefor, enjoining each officer receiving the same, to deliver them over to his successor, and such receipt shall be entered in a book by them prepared, at the expence of their respective counties.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the Secretary of the commonwealth shall retain all the surplus copies of the laws, and keep them in a secure place, for such use as the legislature shall from time to time direct.

The secretary to retain all the surplus copies of the laws for such use as the legislature shall direct.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the act, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution of the journals of the senate and of the house of representatives of this commonwealth," passed the ninth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and so much of any other act or acts of the general assembly, relating to the printing or distributing of the laws or journals of this commonwealth, as are hereby amended, altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

ISAAC WEAVER, *junior*, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

SAMUEL MACLAY, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—April the sixth, 1802:

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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