

have power and authority to take the proof of all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, or other instruments of writing, touching or concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments, situate, lying and being in any part of the commonwealth, and may take and receive the same fees as by law they are now severally entitled to receive for taking the acknowledgments of the same, which probates shall have the like force and effects as if the same were proved before a judge of the supreme court or any judge of the court of common pleas within this commonwealth.

Mayor and recorder may take proof of deeds, &c. and receive fees.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the recorder of the city of Philadelphia shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, and to give relief thereon in the manner and as fully as the president or any associate judge of a court of common pleas in this commonwealth at present may or can do by virtue of an act of assembly entitled "An act for the better securing personal liberty and preventing unlawful imprisonment," and under the like restrictions and penalties.

Recorder empowered to issue writs of habeas corpus.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the recorder, or any alderman of the city of Philadelphia, to administer the oath or affirmation prescribed by law to the mayor elect, previous to his entering upon the duties of the said office.

Recorder or any alderman may administer oath of office to mayor.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of Senate.*

APPROVED—the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIV.

A SUPPLEMENT

*To the act entitled "An act authorising the appointment of an additional auctioneer within the City and Liberties of Philadelphia," passed the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.*

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 auctioneer who has been or shall hereafter be ap-

Auctioneer appointed to sell books &c. authorised to sell any other property. pointed by virtue of the act to which this is a supplement shall be placed on precisely the same footing, authorised to sell the same articles, shall pay the same duties, give the same security as the auctioneers already authorised by the laws of this state, except the auctioneer for the sale of horses, cattle, &c.

Part of former act repealed.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the act to which this is a supplement as authorises the auctioneer appointed by virtue thereof, to charge seven and a half per cent on the sale of books and stationary shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of Senate.*

APPROVED—the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER XV.

### AN ACT

*Concerning the payment of interest on lands north and west of the rivers Ohio, Allegheny and Conewango creek.*

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 in all cases where patents may hereafter be issued from the land office for lands lying north and west of the rivers Ohio, Allegheny and Conewango creek, the person or persons receiving the same shall only be required to pay interest on the principal sum due, from the expiration of five years after the date of the first improvement made on the land therein described.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of Senate.*

APPROVED—the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.