

judges of the Western district, shall also appoint one of their number as return judge; and the return judges thus appointed, in addition to the duties prescribed by the laws regulating the general elections, shall meet on the Wednesday following the said election, at the school house, in Hope street, or at the place where the commissioners of the said district hold their meetings, at three o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and shall there compare the votes given in their respective districts, and shall under their hands and seals certify to the board of commissioners, the names of the commissioners elected, with the number of votes in favor of each, and shall within two days after such election, give notice in writing to each of the commissioners elect, of their respective elections.

Qualifications of commissioners of Kensington district. **SECT. 4.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall hereafter be eligible for the office of commissioner of the Kensington district of the Northern Liberties, unless he is qualified for a seat in the legislature of the state.

Repealing clause. **SECT. 5.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any act or acts, to which this is a supplement as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

FREDK. SMITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirtieth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 131.

AN ACT

Relative to the liens of mechanics, and others.

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 passage of this act, all claims, filed or entered in pursuance of the act to which this is a further supplement, within six months after performing the work, or furnishing the materials, shall continue to bind

Liens entered within six months to bind 5 years from day of filing same.

the buildings or dwelling houses against which the same are entered, for the term of five years, from the day of filing the same; and no claim, so as aforesaid filed, shall bind any building or dwelling house, for a longer period than five years from the day of filing the same, unless within that time the person who has filed the same, his executors, administrators, or assigns, shall issue a scire facias thereon.

SECT. 2 *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where any claim or claims has or have been filed, or shall hereafter be filed, the legal or equitable owner or owners of the buildings or dwelling houses, bound thereby, or any person interested, may apply to the court on the proper docket of which the same is or are filed, by petition, setting forth the facts; which said court shall order an issue to be formed and tried, to ascertain if any, and what sum is due upon such claim or claims, and shall have power to make orders in relation to such issue, and the mode of trying the same, and the costs thereof, as fully as any court of equity might or could do, in relation to any issue ordered by such court of equity.

SECT. 3 *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where the amount of any claim has been paid and satisfied, and no satisfaction entered on the record thereof, the legal or equitable owner or owners of the building or dwelling house, or dwelling houses, bound by the same, may, in order to have satisfaction entered on the record, proceed against the person filing such claim, his executors, administrators, and assigns, in the same manner, and shall have the rights and remedies provided for defendants and purchasers of real property, by the fourteenth section of the act of assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of this commonwealth, in conformity to the alterations and amendments in the constitution," passed the thirteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

AND WHEREAS, it sometimes happens that several houses and other buildings, adjoining each other, are erected by the same owner, so that it is impossible for the person who has found and provided materials for the same, to specify in his claim filed the particular house or other building for which the several items of his demand were so found and provided: *And whereas,* doubts have arisen as to the true construction, in such case, of the laws of this commonwealth: Therefore,

SECT. 4 *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful, in every such case, for the person so finding and providing materials as aforesaid, for two or more adjoining houses, and other buildings, built by the same person, owner of the same, and debtor for the said materials, to file with his claim thereof, an apportionment of the amount of the same among the said houses and

Appeal of
owner of
buildings.

Where claim
is paid and
satisfaction
not entered,
redress of
owner.

Preamble to
4th section.

Apportion-
ment of
claims for ma-
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by same per-
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other buildings; and each of the said houses and other buildings shall be subject to the payment of its said apportioned share of the debt contracted, in the same manner as is provided by law in other cases.

FREDK. SMITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. G. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirtieth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 132.

AN ACT

To extend the charter of the bank of the Northern Liberties, and the charter of the Monongahela bank of Brownsville.

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 act, entitled "An act to re-charter certain banks," approved the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, be and the same is hereby extended, for and during the term of ten years, from and after the first Wednesday in May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, so far as the provisions of said act relate to the bank of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia: *Provided nevertheless,* That said bank shall be subject to such alterations, provisions and restrictions as the legislature may at any time hereafter think proper to enact, for the better regulating of the banking institutions of this commonwealth; and also to all requisitions as to a bonus or premium to be paid to the commonwealth, as a consideration for the privileges herein granted, as now by law are demanded, or as the legislature may at any time hereafter demand; that no officer of said bank, except the president and directors, shall hold any stock, directly or indirectly, in said bank.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the act, entitled "An act to re-charter certain banks," approved the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, be and the same is hereby extended, for and during the term of ten years, from and after the first Wednesday in May, one thousand eight hundred and

Charter of
bank of N.
Liberties ex-
tended 10
years from
May, 1835.

Proviso.
To be subject
to restrictions
&c.

Certain offi-
cers not to
hold stock.

Same exten-
sion and re-
strictions in
case of
Brownsville
bank.