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GEORGE THOMAS, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

CHAPTER CCCLXVII.

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An ACT for erecting of a house of correction and work-house in the borough of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, and for raising of money on the inhabitants of the said borough for the public use and benefit thereof.

[1. **RECITAL** of the original charter, the powers of the Burgesses, &c. and the want of a house of correction and work-house in said Borough, to maintain the good government thereof—*enacts*, that the Burgesses and Common Council shall annually calculate the public charges for building and repairing a house of correction, market-house, public stalls and bridges, for repairing town wharves, regulating streets and highways, and for other public uses, as may be judged necessary for the year ensuing. 2. Inhabitants to choose assessors, to lay the rates or assessments for the said uses. 3. Constables to make return of the estates of the inhabitants, the High Constable to be the Collector. 4. Assessments not to exceed three pence in the pound in any one year, nor those to be rated, who are not taxed for the relief of the poor. 5. Treasurer to be appointed by the Burgesses and Council, and his duties prescribed. 6. Who shall account yearly or oftener, if required, in the presence of the inhabitants desiring to attend. 7. Collector to give notice of assessments, and day of appeal; to pay the monies collected to the Treasurer. Burgesses and Council to attend the appeals. 8. Collectors' allowance and duties. 9. Burgesses to erect a house of correction, to be employed for the keeping, correcting, and setting at work of all rogues, vagabonds, sturdy beggars, and idle and disorderly persons. 10. Burgesses and Council to choose a President, Treasurer, and Assistants for

the house of correction, to supply vacancies, and do all other things 1745-6. concerning the said work-house and house of correction, as fully as Justices of the Peace may do in respect of the work-houses in the several counties. 11. The President, Treasurer, and Assistants incorporated by the name of "The President, Treasurer and Assistants of the Borough of Bristol." 12. Burgesses to determine debts under forty shillings. 13. To commit debtors and offenders to the common gaol in certain cases.]

Passed 1st March, 1745-46.—Recorded A. vol. III. page 161. (1) [Local Act.]

(1) The charter of the Borough of Bristol, re-established, September 16th, 1785, (chap. 1171.)

The charter power to hold fairs, repealed. April 4th, 1796, (chap. 1893.)

Limits of the borough extended, and power given to the corporation, to lay out, open, and regulate streets, lanes,

and alleys for the accommodation of the inhabitants, within the borough, as extended. February 23d, 1801, (chap. 2181.)

The public property vested in the commonwealth, for its original uses. February 28th, 1780, (chap. 867.)