

ACTS

OF THE

General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Passed at a Session which commenced October 14th, 1773,
and ended September 29th, 1774.

JOHN PENN, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

1774.

CHAPTER DCLXXXVII.

An ACT for regulating the buildings, keeping in repair the streets, lanes, alleys and highways, in the borough of Lancaster, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

[1. **BUILDINGS** heretofore erected, that encroach, &c. not to be deemed nuisances; but the owners shall not rebuild on streets, lanes, or alleys encroached upon. 2. No foundation of any party wall, &c. to be laid by any person, before applying to the Regulators, who are to be appointed by the Burgesses—the first builder to be re-imbursed one moiety. 3. Penalty of £. 5, for laying the foundation of a party wall before view. 4. Persons aggrieved may appeal to the next Sessions. 5. Regulators to receive 5s. each for their trouble. 6. Regulators to regulate partition fences, which shall be repaired at the equal costs of the parties, &c. 7. Freeholders to choose Supervisors and Assessors, on the third Saturday in March, yearly, and the penalty for refusing to serve. 8 Five days previous notice of the election to be given. 9. Supervisors and Assessors to lay a limited tax, first taking a prescribed oath or affirmation, to be administered by the Burgesses, or a Justice, who shall certify the same to the Clerk of the Sessions, to be filed among the records of his office. 10. Supervisors or Assessors, dying, refusing, or neglecting to serve, others to be appointed by the Burgesses and Assistants, and any one or more Justices of the county— Compensation to Supervisors and Assessors. 11. Before collection, the tax to be allowed by the Burgesses, or one of them, and one or more Justices of the county; appeal therefrom, and how to be collected. 12. Goods of tenants, &c. liable to be distrained for the tax, 13—which tenants may deduct out of their rents, provided no

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See chap. 306. and the notes thereto sub-joined, and the act to establish a night watch, chap. 1617.

1774. agreement to the contrary. 14. Supervisors to repair the streets, &c. 15. And may enter upon adjoining lands, to cut drains or ditches for carrying off the water, &c. and £. 5, penalty for stopping them up by the owners of lots. 16. £. 3 penalty on Supervisors for neglect of duty, with appeal to the next Sessions. 17. Supervisors to produce fair and just accounts to the Burgesses, &c. who are to adjust and settle the same—The Supervisor, if aggrieved, first paying the balance in his hands, may appeal to the next Sessions, &c. 18. The borough of Lancaster to be a distinct district, &c. 19. Justices of the Peace empowered to act in all matters appertaining to their office, in the borough, though rateable within the same; 20—Except on an appeal to the Sessions. 21. Penalty on persons casting dirt, earth, &c. from their improvements, into any public street, and not removing the same upon notice; 22. And on persons laying shavings, ashes, dung, &c. on any pavement, &c.—23. Or casting rubbish, &c. in any street—24. And on distillers discharging nauseous liquor, so as to run through the streets, &c.—25. And on persons leaving carrion, &c. on any uninclosed grounds within the borough, or near the streets, &c.—26. Or for obstructing the common sewers—27. Or making pavement or foot-way, &c. contrary to the directions of the Regulators, &c. 28. Regulations respecting encroachments by cellar doors, &c. 29. Owners of porches, &c. exceeding the limitation to be assessed, at discretion of the Burgesses, &c. till they are reduced or taken away. 30. Penalty on damaging lamps, posts, &c.—31. Or removing or damaging the pipes or trunks for conveying water into the borough. 32. £. 10 penalty for keeping more than twenty-five pounds of powder in any house, shop, &c. 33. Mode of recovering the penalties prescribed. 34. The act relating to public roads and highways not to extend to the borough. 35. Persons sued or prosecuted under this act, may plead the general issue, and give the act in evidence, &c.]

Passed 22d January, 1774 —Recorded A. vol. VI. page 15. (o)

(o) The borough corporation re-established, June 19th, 1777, (post. chap. 748.)

CHAPTER DCXCI.

An ACT to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent debtors to execute their trusts. (p)

WHEREAS many persons, finding themselves incapable of discharging their just debts, have, by their deeds and conveyances, duly executed, conveyed and assigned over all their lands, tenements, goods, chattels and effects, to Trustees in the said deeds mentioned, in trust, to sell and dispose thereof, and to apply and appropriate the monies, arising from such sales, towards payment of their

(p) For a general reference to the laws and adjudications respecting insolvent debtors, see ant. chap. 315, and the notes thereto subjoined, pa. 18^o (Note to former edition.)