

1780. public income, arising from licences to be granted to such persons, may be augmented to a rate in some degree proportioned to the increased prices of goods, merchandize and tavern charges, in order to answer the salaries necessary to be given to public officers :

Duty on tavern licences to be paid as fees of officers, and bond given accordingly.

[* Ante. pa. 73, chap. 172.]

Repeal of former laws.

[† Chap. 414.]

Except, &c.

IX. *Be it therefore enacted*, That, from and after the ninth day of August next, the money directed to be paid for such licences by the act of Assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania, entitled *An Act that no public house or inn within this province shall be kept without licence, and the security directed to be given by tavern-keepers and other's, in one hundred pounds, before such licences be issued*,* shall be taken in a sum equivalent to the augmented price of such licence, and shall be deemed to be money of the value of ten shillings for a bushel of wheat, and estimated, collected, satisfied and paid, in like manner as the fees of certain officers, as aforesaid.

X. *And be it further enacted*, That an act of Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled *An Act to increase the fees on tavern licences, the fines on tipping houses, and the rates of excise*,† passed on the fifteenth day of March, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and every thing therein contained (saving the treble rates thereby laid upon tavern licences, which shall continue till the said ninth day of August next) shall, from and after the said first day of May next, be repealed and made void.

Passed 17th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 367. (e)

(e) By an act passed Sept. 21st, 1791. (post. chap. 1571.) all the acts for imposing and collecting an excise, were repealed (except as to prior duties and forfeitures,) and all the sections of this act, not printed, related to the excise. Other acts relating to the excise are chap. 672, 713, 732, 927, 1050, 1150. (See the titles of repealed acts.)

For a general reference to the acts respecting taverns, and tavern licences see ante pa. 74. notes to chap. 172.

The rate of tavern licences doubled post. chap. 1005.

The provision in the case of the officers, referred to in sect. 9, was contained in the act of 27th November, 1779, (chap. 864) since repealed.

CHAPTER DCCCXC.

An ACT to enable William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, to build a new court-house and prison in the county of Chester, and sell the old court-house and prison in the borough of Chester. (f)

WHEREAS it has been represented to this House, that the holding of the Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, Common Pleas, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, for the county of Chester, in the borough of Chester, is very inconvenient and burthensome to a great part of the inhabitants of the said county, as the situation of said borough is at an extreme corner of said county; and that it would be very commo-

(f) For various subsequent acts on this subject, and relating to the counties of Chester and Delaware, see post.

chap. 1070, 1141, 1204, 1236, 1324, 1432, [Delaware county established.]

dious, and much for the advantage of the inhabitants in general, if the several courts were held at a more central part of the said county: 1780.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, or any four or more of them, to purchase and take assurance to them, and their heirs, of a piece of land, situate in some convenient place of the said county, in trust and for the use of said county, and thereon to build and erect, or cause to be built and erected, a court-house and prison, sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county, and for the ease and convenience of the said inhabitants.

William Clingan, &c. to build a new Court-house, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That when the said court-house and prison shall be erected as aforesaid, that from thenceforth the several Courts of General Quarter-Sessions, Common Pleas, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, for the said county, shall be holden and kept at the said court-house, when the same is built and erected in the place so to be provided as aforesaid.

To be the Court-house of said county.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful that the said William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, or any four or more of them, shall have full power to expose to sale, by public vendue to the highest bidder, the old court-house, prison and work-house, with all and singular the appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto belonging, situate in the borough of Chester aforesaid, and to give assurances to the heirs and assigns of the purchaser or purchasers for ever; and the monies therefrom arising shall be appropriated towards paying for the lands to be purchased, and the new court-house and prison to be built in the said place, so as aforesaid to be provided.]

Old Court-house, &c. to be sold. [Obsolete.]

V. *And be it further enacted,* That for the defraying the remainder of the expenses and charge of purchasing the land, building and erecting the said court-house and prison, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners and assessors of said county, or a majority of them, to assess and levy so much money as the said Trustees, or any four of them, shall judge necessary for paying the remainder aforesaid, of purchasing the land, and finishing the said court-house and prison, and they are hereby required so to do.

Commissioners to levy the necessary money by tax.

Passed 20th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 373.

CHAPTER DCCCXCIII.

An ACT to repeal divers acts of Assembly of this commonwealth, herein after mentioned, for preventing forestalling and regrating, and for the encouragement of fair dealing; and an act, entitled An Act to permit the making of whiskey and other spirits from rye, barley, or the malt made thereof, under certain restrictions, therein mentioned; and to prohibit the distilling any whiskey or other spirits from any other grain, meal, malt or flour. (g)

Passed 22d March, 1780—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 384.

(g) This act merely repealed the 845; and the act, chap. 854, was re-proceeding acts, chap. 769, 786, 805, repealed, by chap. 2196.