

1783. or office, shall, before two Justices of the peace of the city of Philadelphia, or of some county of this state, take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed by the fortieth section of the constitution of this commonwealth, to be taken by the officers of this state, and also the oath or affirmation of allegiance directed to be taken by the same officers, in and by the seventh and eighth sections of an act of Assembly, made and passed the fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "A further Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for the further security of the government," and shall also take an oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of their trust of office aforesaid.

Passed 9th September, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 110.

CHAPTER MXX.

An ACT for erecting the town of Reading, in the county of Berks, into a borough: for regulating the buildings, preventing nuisances and encroachments on the squares, streets, lanes and alleys of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

[THIS act is in the same words as the act for incorporating the borough of Carlisle, ante. pa. 17, chap. 958. All the sections corresponding—so that the abstract there given will shew the powers, privileges, &c. of the corporation of the borough of Reading.—Three sections however, in the Carlisle act, respecting the public commons, are peculiar to that act, no such provisions being inserted in this act.

This act is printed at large—vol. 2, folio, pa. 124, vol. 2d 8vo pa. 419.]

Passed September, 12th, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book, No. II. pa. 120.

CHAPTER MXXI.

An ACT to repeal sundry acts of Assembly, imposing duties on goods, wares and merchandize, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. I. WHEREAS the commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, have, by their memorial to the Supreme Executive Council, and transmitted by them to this House, set forth, that they apprehend they are in possession of money sufficient to answer the ends of their appointment :

SECT. II. And whereas the merchants of the city of Philadelphia have represented it as detrimental to the trade of this state, to continue the duty of four-pence per gallon on all wines imported, and two shillings and six-pence per dozen on all wines imported in bottles, and four-pence per gallon on all strong beer in casks, and two shillings and six-pence per dozen on such beer imported in bottles, and two-pence per pound on all refined sugar, imposed by the act, entitled "An Act for raising and collecting of money on

the specified articles therein mentioned, for the support of government, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the twentieth day of March last : 1783.

SECT. III. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the act, entitled "An act for guarding and defending the navigation in the bay and river Delaware, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and the act, entitled "An act for raising an impost on goods, wares and merchandise, imported or brought into this state by land," and so much of the act, entitled "An act for raising and collecting of money on the specified articles therein mentioned, for the support of government, and for other purposes therein mentioned," as is contained in the seventh, eighth and ninth sections thereof, be, and the same are hereby, specially and severally repealed, made null and void, and of no effect. (o)

Former acts repealed.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whatever sum or sums of money now are in the hands of the Naval Officer, or for which he hath taken bonds or other securities, or which may come into his hands by virtue or on account of the acts aforesaid, shall be, and hereby are, appropriated to such uses, as the Assembly may by their vote direct and appoint.

Appropriation of monies, &c. directed.

Passed 17th September, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. pa. 146.

(o) For the laws which are repealed by this act, see ante. chap. 954, 987, 1007.—But now see the constitution and laws of the United States. (Note to former edition.)

CHAPTER MXXIV.

An ACT to ratify and confirm an agreement, made between commissioners appointed by the legislature of the state of New-Jersey, and commissioners appointed by the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of settling the jurisdiction of the river Delaware, and islands within the same. (p)

SECT. I. WHEREAS commissioners duly appointed on the part of the state of New-Jersey, and commissioners duly appointed on the part of the state of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of settling the jurisdiction of the river Delaware, and islands within the same, have executed two instruments of an agreement for the purposes aforesaid, one for each state, which agreement is contained in the following words :

An agreement made and concluded between George Bryan, George Gray, William Bingham, commissioners appointed by the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, for settling the jurisdiction of the river Delaware, and islands within the same ; and Abraham

(p) The islands belonging to Pennsylvania were distributed, and annexed to the jurisdiction of the contiguous counties, by an act of the 25th of September, 1786. (Note to former edition.)