

1787. from the attainder of the offender, shall be paid in an equal and proportionable manner, according to the quantity of the demands, whether the same be yet due and payable, or payable thereafter; and the Justices of the Supreme Court, or any two of them, shall hear and determine upon all and any claims, as last aforesaid, in a summary manner, as to equity shall appertain, and the widow, child, children and kindred of the offender, shall be awarded their respective legal demands upon the estate, which he or she shall forfeit as aforesaid, in like summary manner, upon petition to the Justices of the Supreme Court, made within two years after the attainder of the forfeiting persons, respectively, but not afterwards, by the person or persons who shall be entitled to the same: *Provided*, That no person shall have any share or part of any estate, which shall be escheated by attainder, for discovering the same to the President or Vice-President in Council, unless the President or Vice-President in Council, by proclamation, think fit to offer a reward for such discovery, which reward shall not exceed one half of the monies arising from the same, after all charges and costs be deducted, nor unless the person discovering the same procure the necessary evidence to substantiate the title of the commonwealth thereto, and prosecute the right of the commonwealth to the same with effect. (*h*)

The Escheator to have access to papers and records.

SECT. XVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the Escheator-General, or his deputies, shall, at all reasonable times, have access to the public papers in the Land-Office, and other public records, free from any cost, charge or fee.

Passed 29th September, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 294.

(*h*) By the 19th section of the 9th article of the constitution, it is declared, that no attainder shall work corruption of blood, nor excepting during the life of the offender, forfeiture of estate to the commonwealth; that the

estates of such persons as shall destroy their own lives shall descend, or vest, as in case of natural death; and if any person shall be killed by casualty, there shall be no forfeiture by reason thereof (*Note to former edition.*)

CHAPTER MCCCVI.

An ACT for incorporating the German Reformed Congregation of Frankford, in the township of Oxford, and county of Philadelphia.

Passed 29th of September, 1787.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 263.

CHAPTER MCCCVII.

An ACT for regulating chimney-sweepers, within the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and township of the Northern-Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia. (i)

SECT. I. WHEREAS the houses and estates of the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, and of the district of Southwark,

(*i*) By a supplement to the act for incorporating the city of Philadelphia (enacted the 2d of April, 1790) the corporation are empowered to regulate the

prices of chimney-sweepers, &c. and an ordinance was passed for that purpose on the 28th of February, 1791. (*Note to former edition.*)

[See vol. 1, page 129, Chap. 245.]