

1789. administered to him, and a record thereof kept, as is by law directed respecting the inspectors of staves and heading, the expense whereof shall be paid by such officer.

Period when
this act com-
mences.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this act shall take effect, and be in force, from and immediately after the first day of March next.

Passed 29th September, 1789.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 11. (z)

(z) By an act passed 5th of April, 1790, chap. 1503, the operation of this act was suspended until the 1st of January, following: And by the third section of the same act, it was enacted, That shingles of the third kind, mentioned in the act in the text, when sold in bundles, shall be packed in a close and compact manner, in the same bun-

dles, each of which shall contain one hundred and twenty-five shingles, and no more, and each row in every of the said bundles shall contain three shingles, and no more, and shall measure fifteen inches, and that no such shingles shall measure less than three inches and an half in breadth.

CHAPTER MCCCXLII.

An ACT to cede to and vest in the United States, the light-house at Cape Henlopen, and all the beacons, buoys, and public piers, together with the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, and together with the jurisdiction of the same.

SECT. I. WHEREAS, by an act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled, approved the seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, by the President of the United States, entitled "An act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers," provision is made, "That all expenses which shall accrue, from and after the fifteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, in the necessary support, maintenance, and repairs of all light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, erected, placed, or sunk, before the passing of the said act, at the entrance of, or in any bay, inlet, harbour, or port of the United States, for rendering the navigation thereof easy and safe, shall be defrayed out of the treasury of the United States;" under this proviso, nevertheless, "That none of the said expenses shall continue to be so defrayed by the United States, after the expiration of one year from the day aforesaid, unless such light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, shall, in the mean time, be ceded to and vested in the United States, by the state or states, respectively, in which the same may be, together with the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, and together with the jurisdiction of the same:" And whereas, by the constitution of the United States, the Congress thereof are vested with the power of regulating the commerce of the Union, and it is necessary that the jurisdiction, property, and control of the light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, should be ceded and vested in them, for the purpose of carrying such power into complete effect:

SECT. II. *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 all the right, title, property and interest of this commonwealth, in and to the light-house at Cape Henlopen, and all the beacons, buoys, and public piers, now erected, placed, or sunk in the bay and river Delaware, for the improvement and safety of the navigation thereof, and for rendering the same more easy and convenient, together with all the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, shall be, and hereby are, ceded to and vested in the United States of America, as fully, absolutely, and to the same extent, as this commonwealth now holds and is entitled in and to the same, together with the jurisdiction thereof, so far as this commonwealth hath or had right to exercise jurisdiction over the whole, or any part of the same. *Provided nevertheless*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed, deemed, or taken to extend to or include Mud-Island, in the river Delaware, or any part thereof, or the wharves, or any of them, which are built out and extended therefrom.

1789.
The Light-house at Cape Henlopen, beacons, &c. ceded to the United States.

But Mud-Island and its wharves excepted.

Passed 29th of September, 1789.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 20. (a)

(a) For regulations respecting Mud-Island, see the act of the 2d of April, 1790. (Note to former edition.)

CHAPTER MCCCCXLIV.

An ACT for regulating certain election districts in the counties of Westmoreland and Allegheny.

SECT. I. WHEREAS the boundary lines of the county of Allegheny which have been lately run and marked, so far as they have extended through the county of Westmoreland, have divided several of the election districts in such manner, that the places appointed for holding the elections in said districts are included within the boundaries of the said county of Allegheny, and those parts of the said districts, which remain within the county of Westmoreland, are left without any known place, where the people can legally vote at their general elections. For remedy whereof,

SECT. II. *Be it 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 all that part of the county of Allegheny, comprehended within the forks of the rivers Monongahela and Youghiogeny, and the boundary line of the said county, is hereby erected into a separate election district; and it shall and may be lawful for the freemen of said district to meet at the house of David Robison, and there give in their votes at the general election, to be distinguished and known by the name of the second election district.

The second election district of Allegheny county.

SECT. III. And whereas the inhabitants of Plumb and Versailles townships, in the said county of Allegheny, have, by their petitions, stated the great difficulty of attending the general elections at the town of Pittsburg, and prayed to be erected into a separate district: *Therefore be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, that the said townships of Plumb and Versailles, in the county aforesaid, are hereby erected into a separate election district, to be known by the

The third election district of Allegheny county.