

spective orders, proceedings and adjudications, which by virtue of the before mentioned acts have been made, or by virtue of this act shall be made, in their respective counties, and to cause any such pensioner or pensioners, or the guardians of any such pensioner or pensioners, to appear before them, with such evidence as may be necessary; and may and shall thereupon make new orders, adjudications and certificates, as the nature of the case and the true construction of the before mentioned act, or of this act, may require; and if any alteration or further order may be made, it shall be certified in manner aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid. 1790.

[SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the act of Assembly, entitled "An act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," passed the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as authorizes and directs the Justices of the Orphans' Court in the several counties to draw orders on the county Lieutenants in the cases therein mentioned, shall be, and is hereby, repealed.] Repeal of so much of a former act, as directs the orphans' court to draw for pensions. [The militia law here referred to, is itself repealed.]

Passed 27th of March, 1790.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 79. (c)

(c) Respecting pensions, see the act passed 18th of September, 1777, (chap. 752,)—1st of March, 1780, (vol. 1, pa. 487, chap. 869,)—10th of April, 1781, (chap. 930,)—1st of October, 1781, ante. pa. 8, (chap. 944,)—31st of January, 1783, (chap. 991,)—22d of September, 1785, (chap. 1183,)—10th of March, 1787, (chap. 1260,) and 20th of November, 1789, (chap. 1455.)

By the act of 22d of September, 1785, (which repealed every preceding act and regulation for granting and paying pensions to disabled officers, non-commissioned officers, privates mariners and seamen.) The power to decide on applications for pensions was vested in the Orphans' courts of the respective counties; but by the act of 10th of March, 1787, that jurisdiction was transferred to the Supreme court. An authority was also given to the executive, to form a corps of invalids, to guard the public records at the State-house,

which was likewise rescinded by act of 27th of March, 1789, (chap. 1404, § 4,) which latter act (§ 4,) at the same time (contemplating the provision made upon the subject by Congress) declared that so much of the act of 22d September, 1785, (or of any other act) as authorized or required the payment of pensions to the persons in that act described, beyond the 1st of May, 1789, should be void. A temporary appropriation of money, however, was made, for the immediate relief of the pensioners by the act of 20th of November, 1789, upon an assignment of an equal amount of their pensions payable at the treasury of the United States on the 5th of March, 1790.

The offices of Comptroller and Register-General, mentioned in the act in the text, are abolished, and the duties transferred to other officers, see the act of 30th of March, 1811.

## CHAPTER MCCCCLXXXIII.

*An additional SUPPLEMENT to the several acts of Assembly respecting public auctions and auctioneers.*

SECT. I. WHEREAS the acts of Assembly now in force in this commonwealth, for regulating sales by public auction within the districts in the same acts specified, have been found defective in some important particulars: Therefore,

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 it

[See vol. 1, pa. 509, chap. 908, and the notes there-to, for a reference to all the laws respecting auctions.]

1790.

Two additional auctioneers to be licensed;

to give bond in £. 2000 each;

and to possess like powers, and subject to like penalties, as former auctioneers.

Duties on sales at auction one per cent.

shall and may be lawful for the President or Vice-President in Council to appoint and license two additional auctioneers, one for the city of Philadelphia, and one for the Northern-Liberties, for the sale of estates real and personal within the same respectively, who shall continue in office for and during the will and pleasure of the said President and Council, and shall severally give bond to the President and his successors, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the sum of two thousand pounds, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their and every of their respective duties, and for well and truly performing the terms and payments in and by this act, and the several acts of General Assembly to which this is a supplement, directed and required; and the said auctioneers, who shall be appointed and licensed in pursuance of this act, shall severally and respectively have and possess, within the said city and Northern-Liberties, townships and district, respectively, the like powers and exclusive authorities, and be under the like regulations, provisions and restrictions, and subject to the like pains and penalties, which the auctioneers within the said city, townships and district, respectively, had, possessed or were subject to, before the passing of this act, within their respective districts.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, the duties to be paid to the treasury of this commonwealth, on the sale of all goods, wares and merchandize, by public auction, shall be one *per centum*, and more.

Passed 27th March, 1790.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 82.

## CHAPTER MCCCCLXXXIV.

*An ACT to provide for the safety of the records of the several counties in this commonwealth, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

SECT. I. WHEREAS the safety of the papers and records belonging to or in the custody of the Prothonotaries, Registers and Recorders of the several counties of this commonwealth, is an object of great importance to the good citizens thereof:

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 the commissioners of each county of this commonwealth, with the approbation of the Justices of the county court of Quarter Sessions and Grand Jury of their respective counties, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be erected a suitable building or buildings of brick or stone, on the most safe and secure plan to avoid the ravages of fire, at the place appointed by law for holding the courts in their respective counties for the reception and safe keeping of the records and other papers belonging to and in the custody of the Prothonotary of the county court of Common Pleas, the Clerk of the county court of Quarter Sessions, the

Buildings to be erected in each county, for safe keeping of the records,