

1791. And whereas the reasons alleged for so doing appear to be forcible and conclusive :

Repeal of a former act in part.

SECT. I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That so much of the said act of Assembly, as authorizes the trustees therein named, or any of them, to erect a court-house and prison on any part of the reserved tract opposite to the town of Pittsburgh, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Trustees appointed to purchase a lot for that purpose.

SECT. II. *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That George Wallace, Devereux Smith, William Elliot, Jacob Bousman and John Wilkins, or any three of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to purchase, and take assurance in the name of the commonwealth, for the use and benefit of the county of Allegheny, of some convenient piece of ground in the said town of Pittsburgh, and thereupon to erect a court-house and prison, sufficient for the public purposes of the said county; for which end they shall be invested with the like powers, and entitled to call upon the commissioners of the said county for the same sum of money, as in and by the said act was directed, for the purpose of erecting such buildings upon the said reserved tract, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 13th April, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 210.

CHAPTER MDLXX.

An ACT ratifying on behalf of the state of Pennsylvania, the first amendment proposed by Congress to the constitution of the United States :

(Ante. chap. 1481, vol. 2, page 516.)

WHEREAS in pursuance of the fifth article of the constitution of the United States, certain articles, in addition to and amendment of the said constitution, have been proposed by the Congress of the United States, for the consideration of the legislatures of the several states; And whereas the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, having maturely deliberated thereupon, have resolved to adopt and ratify the article hereafter mentioned, as part of the constitution of the United States :

SECT. I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the following article, in addition to and amendment of the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by the Congress thereof, viz.

Ratification of an amendment to the constitution of the U. S.

“*Article the first.* After the first enumeration required by the first article of the constitution, there shall be one representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred; after which the proportion shall be so regulated by congress, that there shall be not less than one hundred representatives, nor less than one representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of representatives shall amount to two hundred;

after which the proportion shall be so regulated by congress, 1791. that there shall not be less than two hundred representatives, nor more than one representative for every fifty thousand persons," be, and it is hereby, ratified, on behalf of the state of Pennsylvania, to become, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, part of the constitution of the United States.

Passed 21st September, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 314. (z)

(z) See an act passed 6th February, 1811, adopting an amendment respecting titles of nobility, pensions, &c,

CHAPTER MDLXXI.

An ACT to repeal so much of every act or acts of assembly of this state, as relates to the collection of excise duties.

SECT. I. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That so much of every act or acts of assembly, as authorize the collection of any duty or duties upon wine, rum, brandy, or other spirituous liquors, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of
the excise
laws;

SECT. II. Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent the recovery of all such duties upon the said articles, as are now due to the commonwealth, nor to release or take away any forfeiture or penalty, which any person or persons may have incurred by reason of the said acts of assembly; but that all prosecutions commenced, or which may be commenced in consequence thereof, may be prosecuted to as full effect, as if such acts, or parts thereof, had not been repealed.

but not to
extend to
prior duties
or forfeitures.

Passed 21st September, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 215.

CHAPTER MDLXXII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the Penal Laws of this state.

WHEREAS by the alteration of the time of holding the supreme court, it is become difficult to execute that part of the act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, which prescribes the form of outlawries, and it is expedient that further provisions should be made relative thereto, than are contained in the former act of assembly made on that subject:

(See vol. 1,
page 105, and
the notes
thereto,
and vol. 2,
chap. 1805,
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notes there
to.

SECT. I. Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That if any person, who hath been or shall be legally indicted, in any court of criminal jurisdiction within this commonwealth, of treason, felony of death, robbery, burglary, sodomy, or buggery, or accessories before the fact to any of the same offences, did not or

Process to
outlawry;