

respectively as may be sufficient to discharge such balance or balances: *Provided always*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed, as that warrants, except those wherein the land is particularly described, shall in any manner affect the title of the claim of any person having made an actual improvement before such warrant is entered and surveyed in the deputy surveyor's books. 1794.

Passed 22d April, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 322.

CHAPTER MDCCLVI.

An ACT to erect election districts in Delaware county.

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 from and after the passing of this act, the townships of Concord, Birmingham, Thornbury, Ashton, Bethel, and Upper Chichester, are hereby erected into an election district, to be called the second election district in said county; and the inhabitants thereof shall hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by Joshua Vernon, in the township of Concord. The second election district of Delaware erected.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the townships of Newton, Edgemont, Upper Providence, Marple, and Radnor, are hereby erected into a separate election district to be called the third election district in the said county; and the inhabitants thereof shall hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by William Beaumont, in the township of Newton, in said county. The third election district of Delaware erected.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the townships of Derby, Upper Derby, Haverford, Springfield and Tinicum, are hereby erected into a separate election district, to be called the fourth election district in said county; and the inhabitants thereof shall hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by Samuel Smith, in the town of Derby. The fourth election district of Delaware erected.

Passed 22d April, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 270.

CHAPTER MDCCLXI.

An ACT for vesting the powers formerly exercised by the Supreme Executive Council in the proper departments under the present constitution of the commonwealth.

WHEREAS during the continuance of the late constitution of this commonwealth, divers acts of the General Assembly were passed, whereby the Supreme Executive Council of the State, or the President or Vice-President thereof, were vested with sundry powers and authorities in such acts respectively particularly specified: And whereas it is expedient that such of the said powers and authorities, as appertain to the Supreme Executive Authority of the

1794. government, shall be expressly transferred to the Governor of this commonwealth: Therefore,

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 in all cases, where, by the laws of this commonwealth, the Supreme Executive Council, or the President or Vice-President thereof, is mentioned as having power and authority to carry the same into effect, the Governor for the time being shall be deemed and taken to be in the place and stead of the said Supreme Executive Council, or the President or the Vice-President thereof, and shall have and exercise all the powers in them, or any or either of them vested, unless such powers have been and are by law vested in some other officer or officers, person or persons, or shall be inconsistent with the provisions contained in the existing constitution of the commonwealth.*

Passed 22d April, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 312.

CHAPTER MDCCLXII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of Pennsylvania.

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 sixteenth article of the seventh section of the said act be, and is hereby repealed: Provided, That the President and Directors of the said Bank, on the requisition of the Legislature, shall furnish statements of the amount of the capital stock of the said corporation, and of the debts due to the same, of the monies deposited therein, of the notes in circulation, and of the cash in hand; and the Legislature shall have a right, by joint committee, to inspect such general accounts in the books of the Bank, as shall relate to the said statements: Provided also, That this shall not be construed to imply a right to inspect the accounts of any private individual or individuals.*

Passed 22d February, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 323.

CHAPTER MDCCLXVI.

An ACT for the better preventing of crimes, and for abolishing the punishment of death in certain cases.

WHEREAS the design of punishment is to prevent the commission of crimes, and to repair the injury that hath been done thereby to society or the individual, and it hath been found by experience, that these objects are better obtained by moderate but certain penalties, than by severe and excessive punishments: And whereas it is the duty of every government to endeavour to reform, rather than exterminate offenders, and the punishment of death ought ne-

The powers of the late executive vested in the Governor;

unless otherwise vested by law, &c.

Repeal of the former act in part. (Ante. chap. 1656, page 97.) Of statements to the Legislature.

Of public and private accounts.

[See vol. 2, pa. 531, (chap. 1505,) and the notes thereto.]