

1796. made from Pittsburgh to Le Bœuf: *Provided always*, That all contracts to be made by virtue of this act shall be registered by the Governor, according to the directions of the eighth section of the act, entitled "An Act to provide for the opening and improving sundry navigable waters and roads within the commonwealth," passed the thirteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.*

* Ante. pa. 24.

SECT. 3. [Appropriation for the road from Heller's to Wilkesbarre.]

Passed 4th April, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 115.

CHAPTER MDCCCXCIII.

An ACT to annul and repeal so much of any charter or law of this state, as empowers the inhabitants of the borough of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, to hold and keep fairs within the same.

WHEREAS the Burgesses and Common Council and other inhabitants of the borough of Bristol, and the adjoining townships, in the county of Bucks, have by their petition, set forth, that the fairs originally established by charter within the said borough have become useless and unnecessary, and promote licentiousness, vice and immorality, and have prayed that the same may be abolished: Therefore,

SECT. 1. *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, so much, and no more, of any law or charter of this state, as empowers the inhabitants of the borough of Bristol, to hold and keep fairs within the same, is hereby repealed, annulled and made void.

Repeal of the charter power of Bristol to hold fairs.

Passed 4th April, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 126.

CHAPTER MDCCCXCIV.

An ACT to alter and amend the several acts of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, incorporating the city of Philadelphia.

See vol. 2, pa. 462, chap. 1383, and the note there-to.

WHEREAS many of the citizens of Philadelphia have prayed for such alterations in their charter of incorporation, as that it may be rendered more similar to the frame of government of this commonwealth, and it is reasonable that the prayer of their petitions should be granted: Therefore,

SECT. 1. *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 freemen of the city of Philadelphia, qualified to elect members of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, shall meet together on the second Tuesday of October next, and on the same day year-

Of the election of members of the Common Council.

ly thereafter, and elect, by ballot, twenty persons, qualified to serve as members of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth, to be members of the Common Council for the said city, for the year next ensuing their election.

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SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said freemen shall, on the said second Tuesday of October next, also elect, by ballot, twelve persons, qualified to serve as Senators of this commonwealth, to be members of the Select Council of the said city, who shall forthwith after their election divide themselves, by lot, into three classes; the seats of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year; of the second class at the expiration of the second year; and of the third class at the expiration of the third year; so that one third may be chosen every year.

Of the election of members of the Select Council.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the whole legislative power of the corporation of the said city shall be exclusively vested in the said Select and Common Councils, who shall perform all legislative acts, as separate and distinct bodies, and shall exercise, possess and enjoy all and singular the legislative powers, which the Mayor or Aldermen, Recorder and Common Council of the said city, in Common Council assembled, at present may or can lawfully and of right exercise, possess and enjoy.

Of the exercise of the legislative power of the corporation.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Governor shall appoint one Recorder and fifteen Aldermen for the said city, who shall hold their offices during good behaviour, and who shall exercise, possess and enjoy all and singular the powers and privileges now exercised, possessed and enjoyed, by the Recorder and Aldermen of the said city, and who shall meet together at such times as may be proper, for the purpose of exercising the powers and privileges aforesaid, legislative powers only excepted.

Of the appointment of the Recorder and Aldermen.

Their powers.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the members of the Select and Common Councils shall, on the third Tuesday of October next, and on the same day yearly thereafter, meet together, and elect, *viva voce*, one of the said Aldermen as Mayor of the said city, whose duty (besides that of an Alderman of the said city,) shall be to preside in the Mayor's Court, when present, to promulgate the by-laws, rules and ordinances of the corporation, and to pay a special attention to the due execution and fulfilment of the same, and who shall be entitled to receive, hold and enjoy all the emoluments now attached to the office of Mayor, or which, by the laws and ordinances of the corporation, may be hereafter annexed to the same.

Of the election of a Mayor.

His duties;

and emoluments.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the doors of the respective halls of the said Select and Common Councils shall be open, for the admission of all peaceable and orderly persons, who shall be desirous of being present at the discussion of any by-laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, for the welfare and good government of the city.

The citizens to be admitted to hear the debates of the Councils.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Aldermen which shall be chosen at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April, in this present year, and the Mayor and Recorder which shall be chosen by the said Aldermen, agreeably to the laws now in force, shall hold their several and respective

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1796. offices until the second Tuesday in October next, and no longer; and that from and after the said second Tuesday in October next, so much of the act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Philadelphia," passed the eleventh day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and of any and every Supplement thereto, as is hereby altered and supplied, and no more, shall be thenceforth repealed.

Passed 4th April, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 127.

CHAPTER MDCCCXCV.

An ACT to authorize Martin Nissly to erect a wing-dam on the west side of Connestogoe river, in the county of Lancaster.

SECT. 1. [MARTIN NISSLY empowered to erect a wing-dam on the river Connestogoe. Regulations touching the same. 2. When the river is made navigable, a lock shall be erected. 3. Complaints to be made and redressed, by indictment on the report of viewers appointed by the sessions.]

Passed 4th April, 1796.—Private act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 129.

CHAPTER MDCCCXCVI.

An ACT to authorize the erection of a bridge over the river Lehigh, at the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton.

SECT. 1. [POWER granted to erect a bridge across the Lehigh, by the Burgesses, &c. of Easton, with the concurrence of the court and commissioners. But not so as to interrupt the navigation.]

Passed 4th April, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 131.

CHAPTER MDCCCXCVIII.

(See vol. 1, 278-9, 318-19.) *An ACT respecting the public landings and wharves in the township of the Northern-Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia.*

WHEREAS it is conceived that the public landings on the river Delaware, in the township of the Northern-Liberties, may be rendered more serviceable and productive, by giving further powers to the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, in whom the same are by law vested, for the use of the public: Therefore,

SECT. 1. *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 commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, for the time being, shall have full power and authority, by and with the consent*

The county commissioners, with the consent of