

from and after the passing of this act, hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Adam Bender, in the township of Upper-Paxton aforesaid, any thing to the contrary thereof in any former law notwithstanding. 1798.

Passed 27th February, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 216.

tions in the fourth district of Dauphin county.

## CHAPTER MDCCCCLVII.

*An ACT for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the township of the Northern-Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia.*

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 electors of the township of the Northern-Liberties shall, on the third Saturday in the month of March in each and every year, elect eight suitable persons, inhabitants of the said township, and return the names of the persons so elected to the next General Court of Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Philadelphia, and the said court shall appoint four of them Constables for the said township; and if either of the said Constables elected and appointed as aforesaid, refuse or neglect to take upon him the office to which he shall be appointed as aforesaid, or in case of vacancy, by dismissal from office for misconduct, death, resignation, or removal from the said township, the court may and shall appoint another proper person to serve the office of Constable for and during the term, or residue of the term, which the person in whose room he shall be so appointed was entitled to serve.

How Constables shall be appointed in the Northern-Liberties.

Proceeding, in case of vacancy.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* before any Constable of the said township, elected and appointed as aforesaid, shall enter on the duties of his office, he shall become bound by recognizance, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, inhabitants and citizens of the said township, to be approved by the Justices of the said General Court of Quarter Sessions, for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, jointly and severally, in the sum of two hundred dollars,\* payable to the commonwealth, in trust for the use and benefit of all and every person or persons, who may be injured or aggrieved by the neglect or improper conduct of such Constable, in the execution of the duties of his said office.

Constables to be bound in recognizance for the faithful performance of the duties of their office.

(\* One thousand dollars, by act of 20th March, 1810, § 29.)

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* if any Constable or Constables elected and appointed under this act, or any person or persons by his or their direction, shall at any time hereafter purchase, on account or for the use of the said Constables, or any of them, at his or their respective sales, any goods, chattels, wares or merchandizes, taken in execution by the said Constable, or any of them, and the same be proved, on the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before the

Penalty on a Constable's purchasing at sales of goods taken in execution.

1798. Justices of the said General Court of Quarter Sessions, such Constable shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, one half for the use of the state, and the other for the use of the person who shall inform of the buying aforesaid, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this state; and shall, moreover, be incapable of holding the said office at any time thereafter.

Part of a former act repealed.

(\* Chap. 1862.)

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the act, entitled "A Supplement to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace of this state," passed the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six,\* as relates to the election and appointment of an High Constable for the township of the Northern-Liberties, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Passed 27th February, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 217.

### CHAPTER MDCCCLVIII.

[Original Act, vol. 2, p. 513.]

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the relief of distressed and decayed pilots, their widows and children.*"

SECT. 1. [THE rights of the Corporation preserved. 2. The times for holding future meetings, prescribed, 3. Part of the former act repealed.]

Passed 27th February, 1798—Private act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 213.

### CHAPTER MDCCCLX.

An ACT to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the poor, in the counties of Chester and Lancaster.

Poor-houses to be erected in Chester and Lancaster.

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 houses for the employment and support of the poor shall be erected in the counties of Chester and Lancaster, in the manner, and under the conditions hereinafter prescribed and enacted.

Directors, how to be elected.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the citizens of the said counties of Chester and Lancaster, respectively, shall, at the general election next ensuing the passing of this act, in the manner prescribed for the election of Members of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth, elect six reputable citizens of each of the said counties respectively, to be directors of the poor, and of the house of employment for the county of Chester, and for the county of Lancaster; and the Judges of election for the said counties respectively shall, immediately on receiving the returns from the several election districts, and casting up the number of votes therein, or within three days thereafter,

Certificate of the election.