

any [three] of the justices of the peace, in and for the city of Philadelphia, or any of the counties within this state, and they are hereby empowered and required, as often as there shall be occasion to set, ascertain and appoint the assize and weight of all sorts of bread which shall be made for sale, sold or exposed to sale within the said city and liberties or any county of this state, and the price to be paid for the same, as fully to all intents and purposes, as the mayor or recorder, and any two of the aldermen of the said city ought or could have done by the laws of the province of Pennsylvania in force on the fourteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Passed April 5, 1779.

As to Sections I-IV, see the note to the Act of Assembly passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 779; and the Acts of Assembly passed October 8, 1779, Chapter 859; June 1, 1780, Chapter 912.

As to Section V, see the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed March 27, 1700, Chapter 51; March 18, 1775, Chapter 709.

The entire act was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed February 26, 1801, Chapter 2207.

CHAPTER DCCCXLVI.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR REGULATING AND CONTINUING THE NIGHTLY WATCH, ENLIGHTENING THE STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED,"¹ AND TO AN ACT WHICH IS A SUPPLEMENT THERETO, PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX.²

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by the aforesaid supplement passed the sixth of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act to continue part of an act made in the eleventh year of the reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, entitled 'An act regulating and continuing the nightly watch, enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia and for other

¹ Passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 636.

² Passed April 6, 1776, Chapter 719.

purposes therein mentioned; and for making further provision for the better executing the said act,'² among other things it was therein enacted, that the wardens and assessors of the city of Philadelphia, for the better support of the nightly watch and keeping the public pumps in repair might assess and levy a tax rate of six pence in the pound on all estates real and personal and taxables within the said city; which rate by experience is found insufficient by reason of the increase of watchmen and workmen's wages, excessive high price of oil and materials: and it has become expedient and necessary that further provision be made to enable the wardens and assessors to raise and levy an additional tax of six pence in the pound on all estates real and personal, and to authorize their treasurer to receive the rents and income of the market-houses, ferries, wharves and public landing places within the bounds and limits of the said city; to the end the difficulties under which the wardens at present labor may be in some measure removed, and the nightly watch so necessary at this time may be kept up and continued:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) 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 from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the wardens and assessors of the said city to raise and levy an additional rate not exceeding six pence in the pound on the inhabitants and on all the estates real and personal and taxables within the city of Philadelphia and to be levied and collected in the same manner, by the same persons and for the same uses as directed in and by the said recited act and the act of general assembly passed the ninth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, entitled "An act for regulating and continuing the nightly watch, enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ over and above the rates and sums of money thereby authorized to be raised, levied and collected.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the clerk of the market and all other per-

² Passed April 6, 1776, Chapter 719.

sons who have had the demising and letting of the market-houses, stalls and stands in the market places, and of the ferries, wharves and public landing places within the bounds and limits of the city of Philadelphia, shall, and they are hereby respectively required within the space of fifteen days after the passing of this act, to render and deliver a rent-roll, or list of all the rents agreed upon or payable by and the names of the several tenants, occupiers and possessors of the stalls and stands in the market houses and market places, and of the ferries, wharves and public landing places and the sums or annual rents they respectively pay or are chargeable with, and the times agreed on for payment to the wardens of the said city. And the clerk of the market for the time being shall collect the rents of the market houses, stalls and stands in the market places as they become due quarterly and in arrear; and after deducting the costs and charges of repairs and his accustomed fees for collecting shall forthwith pay the overplus, together with the moneys already collected for rents and in his hands to the treasurer of the wardens and assessors for the time being, whose receipt (which he is hereby required to give) shall be a sufficient discharge to him for any sum of money so paid, under the penalty of five hundred pounds for every neglect or refusal.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the owners and occupiers of the several ferries, wharves and public landing places within the said city shall from time to time pay their respective rents as they become due to the treasurer of the wardens and assessors for the time being (whose receipt, which he is hereby required to give shall be a sufficient discharge to him or them for the sum of money so paid) under the penalty of treble the amount of said rents for every neglect or refusal.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the moneys which shall be received by the treasurer of the wardens and assessors aforesaid, of the clerk of the market and the owners and occupiers of the ferries, wharves and public landing places shall be disposed of by the wardens or a majority of them and applied to the same uses and purposes as mentioned and specified in an act of general

assembly passed the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one entitled "An act for regulating and continuing the nightly watch, enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned."¹

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the persons appointed collectors of the taxes, and the freeholders hereafter to be chosen or appointed to make returns of the taxables within [the] respective wards, shall refuse to take upon them the offices enjoined and required in and by the said recited act, every such person so refusing shall forfeit and pay an additional fine of fifty pounds, over and above the fines heretofore fixed by law; to be recovered in the same manner and at the same time and applied to the same uses as fines and forfeitures were directed to be recovered in the said recited act to which this act is a supplement.

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the fees of the several officers who are or shall be employed in the execution of this act and the act to which this is a supplement and the act therein referred to shall have and receive over and above the fees therein fixed an addition of as much more.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in full force for the term of one year from the passing hereof and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the general assembly and no longer.

¹ Passed April 5, 1779. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 636.