

of them not hereby altered or supplied shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

Passed September 30, 1779. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed January 27, 1749-50, Chapter 380; March 9, 1771, Chapter 629; March 21, 1772, Chapter 644.

CHAPTER DCCCXLIX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR REGULATING, PITCHING, PAVING AND CLEANSING THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS; AND FOR REGULATING, MAKING, AND AMENDING THE WATERCOURSES, AND COMMON SEWERS WITHIN THE INHABITED AND SETTLED PARTS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA; FOR RAISING OF MONEY TO DEFRAID THE EXPENSES THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED." ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the paving the streets, lanes and alleys within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia and the keeping the same clear of filth and rubbish has greatly contributed to the conveniency as well as to the health of the inhabitants:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the present street commissioners have found by experience that the tax of three pence in the pound last assessed and levied on the inhabitants and estates within the said city falls greatly short of the purposes intended, since the present enhanced price of materials and workmen's wages:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas it is absolutely necessary that the streets, lanes and alleys which are already paved within the inhabited and settled parts of the said city should be kept clean and in repair; and that an additional rate of nine pence in the pound be levied on the inhabitants and all estates real and personal within the said city:

[Section I.] (Section IV, 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

¹ Passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 594.

authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia and their successors, and they are hereby empowered to levy an additional tax rate of any sum not exceeding nine pence in the pound on the inhabitants, and all estates real and personal, and taxables within the bounds and limits of the city of Philadelphia yearly and every year during the continuance of this act, and to be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner, by the same persons and for the same uses as in and by an act of general assembly made and passed the eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, entitled "An act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways, streets, lanes and alleys; and for regulating, making and amending the watercourses and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the city of Philadelphia; for raising of money to defray the expenses thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ is or are directed to be assessed, levied and collected.

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person who shall be appointed the collector of the aforesaid taxes of any ward or wards, or any constable of any ward in the city of Philadelphia shall neglect or refuse to take upon him the duty or office required of him by the commissioners, or assessors aforesaid (unless he can give a reasonable excuse to the satisfaction of the commissioners for such his refusal) he shall forfeit and pay an additional fine of forty-five pounds for every such neglect or refusal.

[Section III.] (Section VI.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall commit any of the offenses mentioned and specified in the said act to which act this is a supplement, every such person so offending shall be liable to pay eight times the forfeiture contained in the said act; anything in the said act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

[Section IV.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all fines and forfeitures incurred by

virtue of this act, and the act to which this act is a supplement shall be recovered in the same manner and applied to the same uses and purposes as fines and forfeitures are directed to be recovered and applied in the said act to which this act is a supplement and in no other manner.

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

Passed September 30, 1779. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 594; and see the Acts of Assembly passed March 8, 1780, Chapter 888.

CHAPTER DCCCL.

AN ACT TO CONTINUE AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR OPENING AND BETTER AMENDING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THIS PROVINCE." 1

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the said act in its operation is found beneficial and easy to the inhabitants and travellers in this state, but by its own limitation would expire at the end of the sitting of this assembly:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 the said act and every article, clause and thing therein contained (so much thereof as relates to the assessment of estates within the several townships, the quantum of the fines and penalties imposed on persons offending against the directions of the said act, to the daily wages allowed to supervisors of [the] highways for their actual attendance at the mending and repairing the same and the clause of limitation aforesaid only excepted) shall be and is hereby

Passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 653.